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(54) Title: DOSAGE FORMS COMPRISING A CETP INHIBITOR AND AN HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR

(57) Abstract: A dosage form comprises (1) a solid amorphous dispersion comprising a cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor and a neutral or neutralized acidic polymer and (2) an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The dosage form provides improved chemical stability of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.

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DOSAGE FORMS COMPRISING A CETP INHIBITOR AND AN HMG-COA  
REDUCTASE INHIBITOR

Cross-reference to Related Application

- 5 This application claims the benefit of priority of provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/435,298 filed December 20, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

Background

- 10 The present invention relates to a dosage form comprising: (1) a solid amorphous dispersion comprising a cholesteryl ester transfer protein (CETP) inhibitor and a neutral or neutralized concentration-enhancing polymer; and (2) an acid-sensitive HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.

It is well known that inhibitors of 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A  
15 reductase (HMG-CoA reductase), an important enzyme catalyzing the intracellular synthesis of cholesterol, will bring about reduced levels of blood cholesterol, especially in terms of the low density lipoprotein (LDL) form of cholesterol. Therefore, HMG-CoA reductase enzyme inhibitors are considered potentially useful as hypcholesterolemic or hypolipidemic agents.

- 20 CETP inhibitors are another class of compounds that are capable of modulating levels of blood cholesterol such as by raising high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol and lowering LDL cholesterol. CETP inhibitors have extremely low aqueous solubility. Accordingly, CETP inhibitors must be formulated so as to be capable of providing good bioavailability. One method for increasing the bioavailability  
25 of a CETP inhibitor is to form a solid amorphous dispersion of the drug and a concentration-enhancing polymer. See, e.g., WO02/11710 A2.

It is well known that a combination therapy of a CETP inhibitor and an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor may be used to treat elevated LDL cholesterol and low HDL cholesterol levels. For example, WO02/13797 A2 relates to pharmaceutical  
30 combinations of cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitors and atorvastatin. The application discloses that the compounds may be generally administered separately or together, with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent. The compounds may be administered individually or together in any conventional oral, parenteral or transdermal dosage form. For oral administration, the composition may  
35 take the form of solutions, suspensions, tablets, pills, capsules, powders and the like.

DeNinno et al., U.S. Patent 6,310,075 B1 relates to CETP inhibitors, pharmaceutical compositions containing such inhibitors and the use of such inhibitors. DeNinno et al. disclose a pharmaceutical combination composition comprising a CETP inhibitor and an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. DeNinno disclose that the compounds 5 of the invention may be administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one of the compounds, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, diluent, or carrier. For oral administration a pharmaceutical composition can take the form of solutions, suspensions, tablets, pills, capsules, powders and the like. Similarly, DeNinno et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,197,786 B1 disclose pharmaceutical 10 combinations comprising CETP inhibitors and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors.

WO 00/38722 discloses combinations of CETP inhibitors and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors for cardiovascular indications. The pharmaceutical compositions include those suitable for oral, rectal, topical, buccal, and parenteral administration. The application discloses solid dosage forms for oral administration including capsules, 15 tablets, pills, powders, gel caps and granules.

Schmeck et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,932,587 disclose another class of CETP inhibitors. Schmeck et al. disclose that the CETP inhibitors may be used in combination with certain HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors such as statins, including atorvastatin.

20 However, while it is desired to combine the CETP inhibitor and an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor into a single dosage form, combining a CETP inhibitor and an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor into a single dosage form presents a number of potential problems. Some HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor compounds are unstable in that they are susceptible to heat, moisture, low pH environment, and light. Some HMG-CoA 25 reductase inhibitors, such as atorvastatin, pravastatin, fluvastatin, rosuvastatin, and cerivastatin are in the form of hydroxy acids that will degrade to a lactone in an acidic environment. Other HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, such as lovastatin and simvastatin, contain substituents that readily degrade in an acidic environment. When packaged in the form of tablets, powders, granules, or within capsules, the HMG-CoA 30 reductase inhibitor may be further destabilized by contact with the molecular moieties of other components of the dosage form. Since pharmaceutical dosage form components such as binders, diluents, antiadherents, surfactants and the like may adversely interact with the active ingredient compound, a stabilizing means may be required for effective pharmaceutical dosages. For example, U.S. Patent No. 35 6,126,971 discloses the addition of a stabilizing agent such as calcium carbonate to

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stabilize the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor atorvastatin calcium. Nevertheless, the means for stabilizing the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor must also allow solubilization of the CETP inhibitor.

- Accordingly, what is desired is a dosage form containing a CETP inhibitor and an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor that stabilizes the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor and that provides good bioavailability for the CETP inhibitor.
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#### Summary of the Invention

- The present invention overcomes the drawbacks of the prior art by providing a unitary dosage form comprising (1) a solid amorphous dispersion comprising a CETP inhibitor and a neutral or a neutralized acidic concentration-enhancing polymer and (2) an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.
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In one aspect, a unitary dosage form comprises (1) a solid amorphous dispersion comprising a CETP inhibitor and a neutral concentration-enhancing polymer, and (2) an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The concentration-enhancing polymer chosen to form the solid amorphous dispersion should be neutral, so that the polymer does not cause adverse chemical degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in the resulting unitary dosage form has improved chemical stability when compared to a control dosage form where the concentration-enhancing polymer in the control dosage form is the acidic polymer

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hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate (HPMCAS).

In another aspect, the unitary dosage form comprises (1) a solid amorphous dispersion comprising a CETP inhibitor and a neutralized acidic concentration-enhancing polymer, and (2) an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The concentration-enhancing polymer chosen to form the solid amorphous dispersion should be an acidic polymer wherein a sufficient quantity of the acidic groups in the polymer have been neutralized, so that the polymer does not cause adverse chemical degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in the resulting unitary dosage form has improved chemical stability when compared to a control dosage form where the concentration-enhancing polymer in the control dosage

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form is the unneutralized acidic polymer.

By "unitary dosage form" is meant a single dosage form containing both the CETP inhibitor and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor so that, following administration of the unitary dosage form to a use environment, both the CETP inhibitor and HMG-

CoA reductase inhibitor are delivered to the use environment. The term "unitary dosage form" includes a single tablet, caplet, pill, capsule, powder, or a kit comprising one or more tablets, caplets, pills, capsules, sachets, powders, or solutions intended to be taken together.

- 5 Reference to a "use environment" can either mean *in vivo* fluids, such as the GI tract, subdermal, intranasal, buccal, intrathecal, ocular, intraaural, subcutaneous spaces, vaginal tract, arterial and venous blood vessels, pulmonary tract or intramuscular tissue of an animal, such as a mammal and particularly a human, or the *in vitro* environment of a test solution, such as phosphate buffered saline (PBS) or
- 10 10 a Model Fasted Duodenal (MFD) solution. An appropriate PBS solution is an aqueous solution comprising 20 mM sodium phosphate ( $Na_2HPO_4$ ), 47 mM potassium phosphate ( $KH_2PO_4$ ), 87 mM NaCl, and 0.2 mM KCl, adjusted to pH 6.5 with NaOH. An appropriate MFD solution is the same PBS solution wherein additionally is present 7.3 mM sodium taurocholic acid and 1.4 mM of 1-palmitoyl-2-oleyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine.
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- "Administration" to a use environment means, where the *in vivo* use environment is the GI tract, delivery by ingestion or swallowing or other such means to deliver the drugs. One skilled in the art will understand that "administration" to other *in vivo* use environments means contacting the use environment with the composition of
- 20 the invention using methods known in the art. See for example, *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy*, 20<sup>th</sup> Edition (2000). Where the use environment is *in vitro*, "administration" refers to placement or delivery of the dosage form to the *in vitro* test medium. Where release of drug into the stomach is not desired but release of the drug in the duodenum or small intestine is desired, the use environment may also
- 25 be the duodenum or small intestine. In such cases, "introduction" to a use environment is that point in time when the dosage form leaves the stomach and enters the duodenum.

- The inventors have found that the bioavailability of CETP inhibitors may be substantially improved by forming a solid amorphous dispersion of the CETP inhibitor and a concentration-enhancing polymer. The administration of the CETP inhibitor in the form of a solid amorphous dispersion containing a concentration-enhancing polymer substantially increases the concentration of dissolved CETP inhibitor in the use environment relative to administration of the CETP inhibitor in crystalline form. In turn, this enhanced concentration of dissolved CETP inhibitor
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results in an increase in the bioavailability of the CETP inhibitor as indicated by an increase in the area under the concentration versus time curve (AUC) in the blood.

However, when an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is mixed directly with a solid amorphous dispersion comprising the CETP inhibitor and the acidic

- 5 concentration-enhancing polymer HPMCAS and then granulated in a tabletting formulation, the inventors observe chemical degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor that is greater than that observed for the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor alone. The inventors solved the chemical degradation problem by replacing the acidic concentration-enhancing polymer with a neutral or neutralized acidic concentration-  
10 enhancing polymer. The inventors believe that the chemical degradation of the HMG Co-A reductase inhibitor was caused either directly by the acidic concentration-enhancing polymer or indirectly by migration of the acid to the surface of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The inventors found that the chemical stability of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in the unitary dosage form could be improved by replacing the acidic  
15 polymer with a neutral or neutralized acidic polymer. In addition, the resulting solid amorphous dispersion provides concentration enhancement in a use environment for the CETP inhibitor.

The foregoing and other objectives, features, and advantages of the invention will be more readily understood upon consideration of the following detailed  
20 description of the invention.

#### Detailed Description of the Present Invention

The present invention combines a CETP inhibitor and an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in a unitary dosage form. The CETP inhibitor is in the form of a  
25 solid amorphous dispersion comprising a neutral or neutralized acidic concentration-enhancing polymer. Unitary dosage forms, solid amorphous dispersions, neutral and neutralized concentration-enhancing polymers, drugs, excipients, and methods for forming the dosage forms are discussed in more detail below.

#### 30 SOLID AMORPHOUS DISPERSIONS OF CETP INHIBITORS

The CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer are combined and formed into a solid amorphous dispersion. By solid amorphous dispersion is meant a solid material in which at least a portion of the CETP inhibitor is in the amorphous form and dispersed in the polymer. Preferably, at least a major portion of  
35 the CETP inhibitor in the solid amorphous dispersion is amorphous. By "amorphous" is

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- meant simply that the CETP inhibitor is in a non-crystalline state. As used herein, the term "a major portion" of the CETP inhibitor means that at least 60 wt% of the CETP inhibitor in the solid amorphous dispersion is in the amorphous form, rather than the crystalline form. Preferably, the CETP inhibitor in the solid amorphous dispersion is
- 5 substantially amorphous. As used herein, "substantially amorphous" means that the amount of CETP inhibitor in crystalline form does not exceed about 25 wt%. More preferably, the CETP inhibitor in the solid amorphous dispersion is "almost completely amorphous," meaning that the amount of CETP inhibitor in the crystalline form does not exceed about 10 wt%. Amounts of crystalline CETP inhibitor may be measured by
- 10 Powder X-Ray Diffraction (PXRD), Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) analysis, differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), or any other standard quantitative measurement.

The solid amorphous dispersion may contain from about 1 to about 80 wt% CETP inhibitor, depending on the dose of the CETP inhibitor and the

15 effectiveness of the concentration-enhancing polymer. Enhancement of aqueous CETP inhibitor concentrations and relative bioavailability are typically best at low CETP inhibitor levels, typically less than about 25 to about 40 wt%. However, due to the practical limit of the dosage form size, higher CETP inhibitor levels may be preferred and in many cases perform well.

20 The amorphous CETP inhibitor can exist within the solid amorphous dispersion in relatively pure amorphous drug domains or regions, as a solid solution of drug homogeneously distributed throughout the polymer or any combination of these states or those states that lie intermediate between them. The solid amorphous dispersion is preferably substantially homogeneous so that the amorphous CETP

25 inhibitor is dispersed as homogeneously as possible throughout the polymer. As used herein, "substantially homogeneous" means that the fraction of CETP inhibitor that is present in relatively pure amorphous drug domains or regions within the solid amorphous dispersion is relatively small, on the order of less than 20 wt%, and preferably less than 10 wt% of the total amount of drug. Solid amorphous dispersions

30 that are substantially homogeneous generally are more physically stable and have improved concentration-enhancing properties and, in turn, improved bioavailability, relative to nonhomogeneous dispersions.

In cases where the CETP inhibitor and the polymer have glass transition temperatures sufficiently far apart (greater than about 20°C), the fraction of drug that is

35 present in relatively pure amorphous drug domains or regions within the solid

- amorphous dispersion can be determined by examining the glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of the solid amorphous dispersion.  $T_g$  as used herein is the characteristic temperature where a glassy material, upon gradual heating, undergoes a relatively rapid (e.g., in 10 to 100 seconds) physical change from a glassy state to a
- 5 rubbery state. The  $T_g$  of an amorphous material such as a polymer, drug, or dispersion can be measured by several techniques, including by a dynamic mechanical analyzer (DMA), a dilatometer, a dielectric analyzer, and by DSC. The exact values measured by each technique can vary somewhat, but usually fall within 10° to 30°C of each other. When the solid amorphous dispersion exhibits a single  $T_g$ , the amount of CETP
- 10 inhibitor in pure amorphous drug domains or regions in the solid amorphous dispersion is generally less than about 10 wt%, confirming that the solid amorphous dispersion is substantially homogeneous. This is in contrast to a simple physical mixture of pure amorphous drug particles and pure amorphous polymer particles which generally display two distinct  $T_g$ s, one being that of the drug and one that of the
- 15 polymer. For a solid amorphous dispersion that exhibits two distinct  $T_g$ s, one in the proximity of the drug  $T_g$  and one of the remaining drug/polymer dispersion, at least a portion of the drug is present in relatively pure amorphous domains. The amount of CETP inhibitor present in relatively pure amorphous drug domains or regions may be determined by first preparing calibration standards of substantially homogeneous
- 20 dispersions to determine  $T_g$  of the solid amorphous dispersion versus drug loading in the dispersion. From these calibration data and the  $T_g$  of the drug/polymer dispersion, the fraction of CETP inhibitor in relatively pure amorphous drug domains or regions can be determined. Alternatively, the amount of CETP inhibitor present in relatively pure amorphous drug domains or regions may be determined by comparing the magnitude
- 25 of the heat capacity for the transition in the proximity of the drug  $T_g$  with calibration standards consisting essentially of a physical mixture of amorphous drug and polymer. In either case, a solid amorphous dispersion is considered to be substantially homogeneous if the fraction of CETP inhibitor that is present in relatively pure amorphous drug domains or regions within the solid amorphous dispersion is less than
- 30 20 wt%, and preferably less than 10 wt% of the total amount of CETP inhibitor.

#### CONCENTRATION ENHANCING POLYMERS

- The concentration-enhancing polymers suitable for use in the solid amorphous dispersions of the present invention should be inert, in the sense that they
- 35 do not chemically react with the CETP inhibitor in an adverse manner when present in

the composition. The polymer should also have an aqueous-solubility of at least 0.1 mg/mL over at least a portion of the pH range of 1-8. While specific polymers are discussed as being suitable for use in the compositions of the present invention, blends of such polymers may also be suitable. Thus the term "polymer" is intended to include

5 blends of polymers in addition to a single species of polymer.

### NEUTRAL POLYMERS

One class of concentration-enhancing polymers consists of "neutral polymers," meaning that the polymer possesses substantially no acidic functional

10 groups. By "substantially no acidic functional groups" is meant that the number of acidic groups covalently attached to the polymer is less than about 0.05 milliequivalents per gram of polymer. Preferably, the number is less than about 0.02 millequivalents per gram of polymer. By "acidic groups" is meant functional groups that, when attached to the polymer, have  $pK_a$  values in a humid or aqueous

15 environment of about 5 or less. Preferably, the  $pK_a$  value of the functional groups on the neutral polymer is greater than about 6. Thus, the neutral polymers may contain ionic groups as long as the groups are not acidic.

The neutral concentration-enhancing polymer may be cellulosic or non-cellulosic. A preferred class of neutral cellulosic polymers are those with at least one

20 ester- and/or ether- linked substituent in which the polymer has a degree of substitution of at least 0.02 for each substituent. It should be noted that in the polymer nomenclature used herein, ether-linked substituents are recited prior to "cellulose" as the moiety attached to the ether group; for example, "methyl cellulose" has a methyl moiety ether-linked to the polymer. In contrast, ester-linked substituents are recited

25 after "cellulose" as the carboxylate; for example, "cellulose acetate" has an acetate moiety ester-linked to the polymer.

It should also be noted that a polymer name such as "cellulose acetate butyrate" refers to any of the family of cellulosic polymers that have acetate and butyrate groups attached via ester linkages to a significant fraction of the cellulosic

30 polymer's hydroxyl groups. Generally, the degree of substitution of each substituent group can range from about 0.02 to 2.9 as long as the other criteria of the polymer are met. "Degree of substitution" refers to the average number of the three hydroxyls per saccharide repeat unit on the cellulose chain that have been substituted. For example, if all of the hydroxyls on the cellulose chain have been butyrate substituted, the

35 butyrate degree of substitution is 3. Also included within each polymer family type are

cellulosic polymers that have additional substituents added in relatively small amounts that do not substantially alter the performance of the polymer.

- Polymer substituents may be either non-ionizable or ionizable; however, the ionizable groups may not be acidic groups. Exemplary ether-linked non-ionizable
- 5 substituents include: alkyl groups, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, etc.; hydroxy alkyl groups such as hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, etc.; and aryl groups such as phenyl. Exemplary ester-linked non-ionizable groups include: alkylate groups, such as acetate, propionate, butyrate, etc.; and arylate groups such as phenylate.
- However, when ester-linked non-ionizable groups are included, the polymer may need
- 10 to include a sufficient amount of a hydrophilic substituent so that the polymer has at least some water solubility at any physiologically relevant pH of from 1 to 8. In the case of ionizable neutral polymers, such hydrophilic substituents may consist of non-acidic ionizable groups such as amino-functionalized groups or phenolate groups.
- In the case of non-ionizable neutral polymers, such hydrophilic groups are
- 15 non-ionizable substituents such as alcohol, ether or ester groups.

- Exemplary neutral non-ionizable cellulosic polymers that may be used to form the solid amorphous dispersion include: hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose acetate, hydroxyethyl ethyl cellulose, and
- 20 hydroxyethyl cellulose.

Exemplary neutral, but ionizable cellulosic polymers, include aminoethyl cellulose, aminoethyl cellulose acetate, hydroxypropyl amino ethyl cellulose and hydroxybenzyl cellulose.

- Another class of neutral concentration-enhancing polymers is non-
- 25 cellulosic, neutral polymers. Such polymers may be either non-ionizable or ionizable. Exemplary non-ionizable, neutral polymers include vinyl polymers and copolymers having substituents of hydroxyl, alkylacyloxy, and cyclicamido. Exemplary non-cellulosic, neutral polymers include hydroxyethyl methacrylate, polyvinylhydroxyethyl ether, polyethylene glycol, and polyoxyethylene-
- 30 polyoxypropylene block copolymers also known as poloxamers.

Exemplary ionizable neutral polymers include amine-functionalized polyacrylates and polymethacrylates, some of which are also sold as EUDRAGITS manufactured by Rohm Tech Inc., and neutral proteins.

- A preferred subset of neutral polymers are those that are generally
- 35 amphiphilic in that they possess substituents that are relatively hydrophobic and

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substituents that are relatively hydrophilic. Amphiphilic cellulosics may be prepared by substituting the cellulose at any or all of the 3 hydroxyl substituents present on each saccharide repeat unit with at least one relatively hydrophobic substituent.

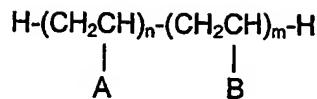
Hydrophobic substituents may be essentially any substituent that, if substituted to a 5 high enough level or degree of substitution, can render the cellulosic polymer essentially aqueous insoluble. Hydrophilic regions of the polymer can be either those portions that are relatively unsubstituted, since the unsubstituted hydroxyls are themselves relatively hydrophilic, or those regions that are substituted with hydrophilic substituents. Examples of hydrophobic substituents include ether-linked alkyl groups 10 such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, etc.; or ester-linked alkyl groups such as acetate, propionate, butyrate, etc.; and ether- and/or ester-linked aryl groups such as phenyl, benzoate, or phenylate. As discussed above, hydrophilic substituents may consist of non-acidic ionizable groups such as amino-functionalized groups or phenolate groups. In the case of non-ionizable neutral concentration-enhancing polymers, such 15 hydrophilic groups are non-ionizable substituents such as alcohol, ether or ester groups.

Exemplary amphiphilic polymers include non-ionizable cellulosics such as hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose and hydroxyethyl cellulose acetate; non-acidic ionizable cellulosics such as amino ethyl cellulose acetate 20 and hydroxybenzyl cellulose; and non-ionizable non-cellulosics such as polyvinylpyrrolidone, ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymers and polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymers (also referred to as poloxamers); and ionizable non-cellulosics such as amine-functionalized polyacrylates and polymethacrylates.

A preferred class of neutral non-cellulosic polymers are comprised of 25 vinyl copolymers of a hydrophilic, hydroxyl-containing repeat unit and a hydrophobic, alkyl- or aryl-containing repeat unit. Such neutral vinyl copolymers are termed "amphiphilic hydroxyl-functional vinyl copolymers." Amphiphilic hydroxyl-functional vinyl copolymers are exceptional in that they are both non-ionic and yet, surprisingly, when used as dispersion polymers for low-solubility drugs, yield solid amorphous 30 dispersions that provide high levels of drug concentration enhancement when dosed to an aqueous environment of use. Such polymers may be used with any low-solubility drug, and not simply acid-sensitive drugs.

The preferred copolymers have the general structure:

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- 5 where A and B represent "hydrophilic, hydroxyl-containing" and "hydrophobic" substituents, respectively, and n and m represent the average number of hydrophilic vinyl repeat units and average number of hydrophobic vinyl repeat units respectively per polymer molecule. Copolymers may be block copolymers, random copolymers or they may have structures anywhere between these two extremes. The sum of n and m  
 10 15 is generally from about 50 to about 20,000 and therefore the polymers have molecular weights from about 2,500 to about 1,000,000 daltons.

The hydrophilic, hydroxyl-containing repeat units, "A," may simply be hydroxyl (-OH) or it may be any short-chain, 1 to 6 carbon, alkyl with one or more hydroxyls attached thereto. The hydroxyl-substituted alkyl may be attached to the vinyl  
 15 backbone via carbon-carbon or ether linkages. Thus, exemplary "A" structures include, in addition to hydroxyl itself, hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, hydroxymethoxy, hydroxyethoxy and hydroxypropoxy.

The hydrophobic substituent, "B," may simply be: hydrogen (-H), in which case the hydrophobic repeat unit is ethylene; an alkyl or aryl substituent with up  
 20 25 to 12 carbons attached via a carbon-carbon bond such as methyl, ethyl or phenyl; an alkyl or aryl substituent with up to 12 carbons attached via an ether linkage such as methoxy, ethoxy or phenoxy; an alkyl or aryl substituent with up to 12 carbons attached via an ester linkage such as acetate, propionate, butyrate or benzoate. The amphiphilic hydroxyl-functional vinyl copolymers of the present invention may be  
 synthesized by any conventional method used to prepare substituted vinyl copolymers.  
 30 Some substituted vinyl copolymers such as polyvinyl alcohol/polyvinyl acetate are well known and commercially available.

Such polymers are more fully disclosed in commonly assigned pending patent application serial number 60/300,255, filed June 22, 2001, herein incorporated by reference.

#### NEUTRALIZED ACIDIC POLYMERS

Another class of polymers suitable for use with the solid amorphous dispersions of the present invention consists of neutralized acidic polymers. By "acidic polymer" is meant any polymer that possesses a significant number of acidic moieties. In general, a significant number of acidic moieties would be greater than or equal to about 0.05 milliequivalents of acidic moieties per gram of polymer. "Acidic moieties"

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- include any functional groups that are sufficiently acidic that, in contact with or dissolved in water, can at least partially donate a hydrogen cation to water and thus increase the hydrogen-ion concentration. This definition includes any functional group or "substituent," as it is termed when the functional group is covalently attached to a
- 5 polymer, that has a  $pK_a$  of less than about 10. Here, the term  $pK_a$  is used in its traditional form, the  $pK_a$  being the negative logarithm of the acid ionization constant. The  $pK_a$  will be influenced by such factors as solvent, temperature, water content, and ionic strength of the media or matrix in which the acid resides. Unless otherwise noted, the  $pK_a$  is assumed to be measured in distilled water at 25°C. Since in general, the
- 10 more acidic the polymer the more useful the invention, the invention is preferred for polymers with functional groups with  $pK_a$ s of less than about 7, and even more preferred with  $pK_a$ s of less than about 6. Exemplary classes of functional groups that are included in the above description include carboxylic acids, thiocarboxylic acids, phosphates, phenolic groups, and sulfonates. Such functional groups may make up
- 15 the primary structure of the polymer such as for polyacrylic acid, but more generally are covalently attached to the backbone of the parent polymer and thus are termed "substituents."

By "neutralized acidic polymer" is meant any acidic polymer for which a significant fraction of the "acidic moieties" or "acidic substituents" have been

20 "neutralized"; that is, exist in their deprotonated form. The "degree of neutralization,"  $\alpha$ , of a polymer substituted with monoprotic acids (such as carboxylic acids) is defined as the fraction of the acidic moieties on the polymer that have been neutralized; that is, deprotonated by a base. The degree to which the acidic moieties on the polymer are neutralized by the base is dependent on (1) the ratio of the number of milliequivalents

25 of base per gram of polymer divided by the number of milliequivalents of acidic moieties per gram of polymer and (2) the relative  $pK_a$ s of the base and the acidic polymer. When the  $pK_a$  of the base is much higher than the  $pK_a$  of the acidic moieties of the acidic polymer (that is, the ratio of the  $pK_a$  of the base to the  $pK_a$  of the polymer), then each milliequivalent of base will approximately neutralize one milliequivalent of

30 acid. Thus, if 0.5 milliequivalent of a strong base per gram of polymer is added to an acidic polymer with 1.0 milliequivalents of acidic moieties per gram of polymer, then the degree of neutralization is roughly equal to 0.5.

If a relatively weak base with a  $pK_a$  value roughly equal to that of the polymer's acidic moieties is used to neutralize the polymer (e.g., the base is the sodium

35 salt of an aliphatic carboxylic acid, such as sodium propionate, and the acidic groups

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on the polymer are aliphatic carboxylic acids, such as succinate), then more base must be added to achieve the same extent of neutralization. Thus, if 1.0 milliequivalent of a base per gram of polymer, with a  $pK_a$  roughly equal to the  $pK_a$  of the polymer, is added to an acidic polymer with 1.0 milliequivalents of acidic moieties per gram of polymer,

- 5 then the degree of neutralization is roughly also equal to 0.5.

When the degree of neutralization,  $\alpha$ , is less than 0.9, it may be approximated by the following equation:

$$\alpha = \frac{E_{\text{base}}}{E_{\text{polymer}}} \cdot \frac{10^{pK_a,\text{Base}-pK_a,\text{Polymer}}}{1+10^{pK_a,\text{Base}-pK_a,\text{Polymer}}}$$

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where  $E_{\text{base}}$  is the number of milliequivalents of base per gram of polymer,  $E_{\text{polymer}}$  is the number of milliequivalents of acidic moieties (of the polymer) per gram of polymer, and  $pK_a,\text{Base}$  and  $pK_a,\text{Polymer}$  are the  $pK_a$  values of the base and polymer, respectively. It should be noted that if the calculated value of  $\alpha$  from this equation is greater than 1,

- 15 the degree of neutralization can be considered essentially 1, meaning that essentially all of the acidic moieties on the polymer have been neutralized.

Alternatively, the degree of neutralization may be measured experimentally. Although not strictly applicable to organic solutions or solid dispersions, the Henderson-Hasselbach equation can be used to relate the effective 20 pH of an aqueous solution or a hydrated suspension to the degree of neutralization. According to this equation the effective pH of the solution or hydrated suspension is given as:

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a,\text{Polymer} - \log [(1-\alpha)/\alpha]$$

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As yet another alternative, the degree of neutralization may be determined experimentally through spectroscopic analysis or thermal methods such as differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). Using DSC, for example, conversion of an acidic cellulosic polymer such as HPMCAS to the sodium or calcium salt form will lead 30 to a measurable increase in the glass transition temperature ("T<sub>g</sub>") of the polymer alone or drug/polymer dispersion. The change in physical characteristic such as glass transition temperature may be used to determine the degree of neutralization.

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Typically, for an acidic polymer to be considered a "neutralized acidic polymer,"  $\alpha$  must be at least about 0.001 (or 0.1%), preferably about 0.01 (1%) and more preferably at least about 0.1 (10%). Such small degrees of neutralization may be acceptable because often the effective pH of the polymer changes dramatically with

- 5 small increases in the degree of neutralization. Nonetheless, even greater degrees of neutralization are even more preferred. Thus,  $\alpha$  is preferably at least 0.5 (meaning that at least 50% of the acidic moieties have been neutralized) and  $\alpha$  is more preferably at least 0.9 (meaning that at least 90% of the acidic moieties have been neutralized).

- Often the most chemically stable compositions are formed when  
10 approximately 100% of the acidic groups of the polymer have been neutralized, that is,  $\alpha$  is approximately equal to 1.0. In some cases stable dispersions are formed when excess base is present.

- Yet another alternative method for determining whether a significant fraction of the acidic moieties has been neutralized is to compare the chemical stability  
15 of an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in a test composition comprising the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor and a solid amorphous dispersion of a CETP inhibitor and a neutralized acidic polymer with the chemical stability of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in a control composition identical to the test composition except that the solid amorphous dispersion consists essentially of the CETP inhibitor and the acidic polymer  
20 in unneutralized form. A significant fraction of the acidic moieties of the acidic polymer have been neutralized if the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor degrades more slowly when mixed with a solid amorphous dispersion comprising the neutralized acidic polymer relative to the rate the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor degrades when mixed with a solid amorphous dispersion comprising the acidic polymer in unneutralized form. Thus, only  
25 a portion of the acidic moieties or acidic substituents of the polymer may need to be neutralized. Since the effective pH of an acidic polymer is raised significantly by even a small degree of neutralization, a relatively low degree of neutralization may well result in measurable improvements in the stability of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.

- Neutralized acidic polymers may be either cellulosic or non-cellulosic as  
30 described above. A preferred class of acidic polymers consists of cellulosic polymers with at least one ester- and/or ether- linked acidic substituent in which the polymer has a degree of substitution of at least 0.02 for the acidic substituent. Generally, the degree of substitution of each substituent group can range from 0.02 to 2.9 as long as the other criteria of the polymer are met. More typically, the degree of substitution for  
35 each substituent is from about 0.1 to 2.0.

- Exemplary acidic, ether-linked ionizable substituents include: carboxylic acids, such as carboxymethoxy (commonly referred to as carboxymethyl), carboxyethoxy (commonly referred to as carboxyethyl), carboxypropoxy (commonly referred to as carboxypropyl), and carboxyphenoxy (commonly referred to as carboxyphenyl), salicylic acid (attached to the cellulosic polymer via the phenolic hydroxyl), alkoxybenzoic acids such as ethoxybenzoic acid or propoxybenzoic acid, the various isomers of alkoxyphthalic acid such as ethoxyphthalic acid and ethoxyisophthalic acid, the various isomers of alkoxy nicotinic acid such as ethoxynicotinic acid, and the various isomers of picolinic acid such as ethoxypicolinic acid, etc.; thiocarboxylic acids, such as thioacetic acid; substituted phenoxy groups, such as hydroxyphenoxy, etc.; phosphates, such as ethoxy phosphate; and sulfonates, such as ethoxy sulphonate.

- Exemplary ester-linked ionizable substituents include: carboxylic acids, such as succinate, citrate, phthalate, terephthalate, isophthalate, trimellitate, and the various isomers of pyridinedicarboxylic acid, etc.; thiocarboxylic acids, such as thiosuccinate; substituted phenoxy groups, such as amino salicylic acid; phosphates, such as acetyl phosphate; and sulfonates, such as acetyl sulfonate. For aromatic-substituted polymers to also have the requisite aqueous solubility, it is also desirable that sufficient hydrophilic groups such as hydroxypropyl or carboxylic acid functional groups be attached to the polymer to render the polymer aqueous soluble at least at pH values where any ionizable groups are ionized. In some cases, the aromatic group may itself be ionizable, such as phthalate or trimellitate substituents.

- Exemplary acidic cellulosic polymers include such polymers as carboxyethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl ethyl cellulose, cellulose succinate, cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxyethyl cellulose succinate, hydroxyethyl cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose succinate, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl cellulose succinate, hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose succinate, cellulose phthalate, cellulose acetate phthalate, methyl cellulose acetate phthalate, ethyl cellulose acetate phthalate, cellulose propionate phthalate, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate phthalate succinate, hydroxypropyl cellulose butyrate phthalate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, methyl cellulose acetate trimellitate, ethyl cellulose acetate trimellitate,

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hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate trimellitate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate trimellitate, hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate trimellitate succinate, cellulose propionate trimellitate, cellulose butyrate trimellitate, cellulose acetate terephthalate, cellulose acetate isophthalate, cellulose acetate pyridinedicarboxylate, salicylic acid cellulose 5 acetate, hydroxypropyl salicylic acid cellulose acetate, ethylbenzoic acid cellulose acetate, hydroxypropyl ethylbenzoic acid cellulose acetate, ethyl phthalic acid cellulose acetate, ethyl nicotinic acid cellulose acetate, and ethyl picolinic acid cellulose acetate.

Alternatively, the acidic polymer may be non-cellulosic. Exemplary acidic non-cellulosic polymers include carboxylic acid-functionalized vinyl polymers, 10 such as the carboxylic acid functionalized polymethacrylates and carboxylic acid functionalized polyacrylates such as the EUDRAGITS® manufactured by Rohm Tech, Inc., of Malden, Massachusetts; and carboxylic acid functionalized starches such as starch glycolate.

The neutralized form of these acidic polymers often provide several 15 advantages relative to the unneutralized form. The neutralized form of the acidic polymer, *i.e.*, the salt form of the polymer, tends to have a higher glass transition temperature relative to the acidic form of the polymer. To obtain the best physical stability, particularly upon storage for long times prior to use, it is preferred that the CETP inhibitor remain, to the extent possible, in the amorphous state. The inventors 20 have found that this is best achieved when the mobility of the CETP inhibitor in the concentration-enhancing polymer is relatively low. This is generally the case when the glass-transition temperature,  $T_g$ , of the solid amorphous dispersion is substantially above the storage temperature of the dispersion. In particular, it is preferable that the  $T_g$  of the solid amorphous dispersion be at least 40°C and preferably at least 60°C. It 25 is preferred that the concentration-enhancing polymer have a  $T_g$  of at least 40°C, preferably at least 70°C and more preferably greater than 100°C. (Unless otherwise specified, as used herein and in the claims, reference to a glass transition refers to the glass transition temperature measured at 50% relative humidity.) Exemplary high  $T_g$  polymers include neutralized forms of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate 30 succinate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose phthalate, cellulose acetate phthalate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, carboxy methyl ethyl cellulose, and other cellulosics that have alkylate or aromatic substituents or both alkylate and aromatic substituents.

Increasing the glass transition temperature of the polymer, and hence of 35 the solid amorphous dispersion, improves the physical storage stability of the solid amorphous dispersion by decreasing the mobility of the CETP inhibitor in the polymer

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matrix. Thus, solid amorphous dispersions formed from neutralized acidic polymers, which have a higher  $T_g$  relative to the unneutralized form, tend to be more physically stable.

- When the neutralized form of the acidic polymer comprises a multivalent cationic species such as  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$ ,  $Fe^{2+}$ ,  $Fe^{3+}$ , or a diamine, such as ethylene diamine, the cationic species may interact with two or more neutralized acidic moieties on more than one polymer chain, resulting in an ionic crosslink between the polymer chains. An acidic polymer may be considered "ionically crosslinked" if the number of milliequivalents of multivalent cationic species per gram of polymer is at least 5%, preferably at least 10% the number of milliequivalents of acidic moieties (of the polymer) per gram of polymer. Alternatively, an acidic polymer may be considered "ionically crosslinked" if sufficient multivalent cationic species are present such that the neutralized acidic polymer has a higher  $T_g$  than the same polymer containing essentially no multivalent cationic species. CETP inhibitor mobility in dispersions formed from such ionically crosslinked polymers is particularly low relative to dispersions formed from the acidic form of the same polymers. Such ionically crosslinked polymers may be formed by neutralization of the acidic polymer using any base where the cationic counterion of the base is divalent. Thus, calcium hydroxide, calcium carbonate, magnesium acetate or ethylene diamine may be added to an acidic polymer such as cellulose acetate phthalate or hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate (HPMCAS) to form a neutralized, ionically crosslinked, acidic cellulosic polymer. Low CETP inhibitor mobility in such polymers may be indicated by high  $T_g$  values or, more typically, a decrease in the magnitude of the heat capacity increase in the vicinity of the  $T_g$  or, in some cases, the absence of any apparent  $T_g$  when the solid amorphous dispersion is subjected to differential thermal analysis. Thus, when sufficient calcium hydroxide is added to an acidic polymer, e.g., HPMCAS, such that the degree of neutralization is near 1, no  $T_g$  is apparent when the neutralized polymer is subjected to differential thermal analysis.

- The neutralized form of the acidic polymer tends to be less reactive than the acidic polymer. Thus, in addition to minimizing reactions of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor with the polymer, the selection of a neutralized acidic enteric polymer may also minimize reactions of the polymer with other excipients.

- Neutralized acidic polymers may be formed by any conventional method known in the art which results in the desired degree of neutralization. In general, the acidic polymer is neutralized through the addition of a sufficient amount of base to a

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- solution or composition containing the acidic polymer. The polymer may be neutralized prior to formation of the solid amorphous dispersion. For example, a base may be added to a solution of the acidic polymer resulting in neutralization of the polymer's acidic functional groups. Alternatively, the acidic polymer may be neutralized during 5 formation of the solid amorphous dispersion, or may be neutralized following formation of the solid amorphous dispersion.

A wide range of bases may be used to neutralize the acidic polymer. The term "base" is used broadly to include not only strong bases such as sodium hydroxide, but also weak bases and buffers that are capable of achieving the desired 10 degree of neutralization. Examples of bases include hydroxides, such as sodium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, and choline hydroxide; bicarbonates, such as sodium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate, and ammonium bicarbonate; carbonates, such as ammonium carbonate, calcium carbonate, and sodium carbonate; amines, such as tris(hydroxymethyl)amino methane, ethanolamine, 15 diethanolamine, N-methyl glucamine, glucosamine, ethylenediamine, N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, N-benzyl-2-phenethylamine, cyclohexylamine, cyclopentylamine, diethylamine, isopropylamine, diisopropylamine, dodecylamine, and triethylamine; proteins, such as gelatin; amino acids such as lysine, arginine; guanine, glycine, and adenine; polymeric amines, such as polyamino methacrylates, such as 20 Eudragit E; conjugate bases of various acids, such as sodium acetate, sodium benzoate, ammonium acetate, disodium phosphate, trisodium phosphate, calcium hydrogen phosphate, sodium phenolate, sodium sulfate, ammonium chloride, and ammonium sulfate; salts of EDTA, such as tetra sodium EDTA; and salts of various 25 acidic polymers such as sodium starch glycolate, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose and sodium polyacrylic acid. The use of the bicarbonates is in some cases preferred, as these generate carbon dioxide during the neutralization process, which can be removed easily following neutralization.

As described previously, dispersions that contain significant quantities of a divalent cationic or multivalent cationic species such as  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , or a diamine such 30 as ethylene diamine are particularly desirable as they may ionically crosslink the concentration-enhancing polymer. This may conveniently be accomplished by adding such species in their basic form. Thus, exemplary bases containing a dicationic species include: calcium hydroxide, calcium acetate, calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium stearate, aluminum hydroxide, ethylene diamine, polyamino

methacrylate, or any other pharmaceutically acceptable compound that may form a dicationic or polycationic species in the solid amorphous dispersion.

- In one neutralization method, the polymer is neutralized prior to formation of the solid amorphous dispersion. The acidic polymer is first dissolved in a
- 5 suitable solvent prior to addition of the base. Suitable solvents include water; ketones, such as acetone; alcohols, such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol; and other solvents such as tetrahydrofuran, benzene, and dichloromethane. Mixtures of solvents, including mixtures of water and one or more organic solvents, may also be used. In particular, when organic solvents are used, addition of at least a small amount of water
  - 10 is often preferred to facilitate the neutralization process and to minimize excessively high or low pH values. The solvent may be selected such that it is a solvent for the neutralized acidic polymer but not necessarily a solvent for the acidic polymer prior to neutralization. This may facilitate isolation of the neutralized acidic polymer. Thus, prior to adding the base, the acidic polymer is not completely dissolved in the solvent.
  - 15 As the base is added, the neutralized acidic polymer dissolves.

- For example, the acidic polymer HPMCAS may be neutralized by addition of a base to an aqueous solution containing HPMCAS. HPMCAS has a  $pK_a$  of about 5. One procedure for neutralizing HPMCAS is to suspend the HPMCAS in distilled water. A base, such as sodium bicarbonate can then be added to this solution.
- 20 As the base is added, the succinate groups on HPMCAS are neutralized, forming the sodium salt form of HPMCAS and at the same time the pH of the solution increases. When the pH of the solution reaches about 5, the  $pK_a$  of the acidic moieties (succinate groups) of the polymer, the degree of neutralization,  $\alpha$ , is 0.5. More base may be added, increasing the pH of the solution and increasing the extent of neutralization.
  - 25 Care must be taken, however, not to increase the pH too high, as at high pH (greater than about 8), the excess base can lead to degradation of the polymer. In the case of HPMCAS, such degradation can take the form of hydrolysis of ester-linked groups such as acetate or succinate or even cleavage of the cellulosic backbone of the polymer.

- Following neutralization, the neutralized acidic polymer may be isolated
- 30 and purified using methods known in the art. Examples of suitable methods include precipitation using a non-solvent, evaporation, rotoevaporation, spray-drying, and lyophilization. The neutralized acidic polymer can then be used to form the solid amorphous dispersion with the CETP inhibitor using the methods described below.

- In another method, the neutralized acidic polymer is not isolated from
- 35 the solvent, but instead, the CETP inhibitor is added to the polymer/solvent solution

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and the solid amorphous dispersion formed directly from this mixture. Examples of processes for forming the solid amorphous dispersion from such a solution are described below in connection with the discussion regarding formation of dispersions.

Another method for neutralizing an acidic concentration-enhancing

- 5 polymer is to neutralize the polymer after the solid amorphous dispersion has been formed. In this method, a base is blended with the solid amorphous dispersion of CETP inhibitor and acidic polymer. Exemplary bases that may be used to neutralize the acidic polymer include any of those listed above for neutralization of a polymer in solution but include, in particular, salts of acidic polymers such as sodium starch
- 10 glycolate, cross carmelloose sodium, and sodium carboxymethyl cellulose; amine functionalized polymers such as aminomethacrylates, amino acrylates, chitin, and proteins; inorganic bases such as tribasic calcium phosphate, calcium carbonate, disodium hydrogen phosphate and aluminum hydroxide; salts of acidic compounds such as magnesium stearate, sodium acetate, and potassium lactate; and amines such
- 15 as meglumine and mono-, di- and tri-ethanolamine. Many of these bases, such as phosphate, carbonate and carboxylate salts, may be added in excess and as such may act as buffers, maintaining a relatively neutral pH (e.g., pH between about 5 and 9) in the solid amorphous dispersion. The amount of base to be blended with the solid amorphous dispersion should generally be in the range from about 0.1 to about 2.0
- 20 equivalents of base per equivalent of the acidic polymer moieties. In some cases, it may be necessary to add water, such as by wet granulation or by storing at elevated humidity, to speed the neutralization process.

The amount of base to be blended with the solid amorphous dispersion may be determined by various techniques. For example, the polymer and CETP inhibitor may be dissolved or slurried in water and the pH monitored as base is added. The amount of base per amount of CETP inhibitor and polymer to achieve the desired pH may be noted. Generally, adding sufficient base to substantially increase the pH may be sufficient. The amount of base required to raise the pH to a value near 6 to 8 is often preferred.

- 30 The base and solid amorphous dispersion may be blended together to create a physical mixture using any conventional method known in the art. Thus, the base and solid amorphous dispersion may be blended together using wet- or dry-granulation. A high degree of blending or mixing is generally preferred in order to achieve maximum neutralization of the acidic polymer using this method. In general,
- 35 the neutralization is facilitated by the presence of solvent, particularly water. For

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- example, simple storage of the blended composition as a bulk material or in the form of a dosage form such as a tablet, granule or capsule under humid conditions for a period of a few hours to 30 days can result in sufficient neutralization of the acidic polymer dispersion. Likewise, the neutralization process may be facilitated by wet granulation
- 5 processes in which the blend is relatively wet during at least a portion of the processing time.

In one embodiment, the solid amorphous dispersion of CETP inhibitor and acidic polymer is blended with calcium carbonate to partially neutralize the acidic polymer. Preferably, the weight ratio of calcium carbonate to acidic polymer is at least

10 0.10, more preferably at least 0.15, and most preferably at least 0.20.

Neutralization may be quantified by numerous methods, including storage and measurement of reduced drug degradation rates, spectroscopic analysis, potentiometric analysis, and thermal methods such as differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). Using DSC, for example, conversion of an acidic cellulosic polymer such as

15 HPMCAS to the sodium or calcium salt form will lead to a measurable increase in the glass transition temperature of the polymer alone or the solid amorphous dispersion. In the case of adding calcium the glass transition may be completely absent from the DSC data.

In addition, when solid dispersions are made by thermal processes such

20 as a melt-congeal process, or an extrusion process, using, for example, a twin-screw extruder, that may form a solid amorphous dispersion by a combination of thermal and mechanical means, then the basic excipient may be blended with the CETP inhibitor and acidic polymer and the blend then fed to the melt-congeal or extrusion process apparatus. Such processes may also optionally include small amounts of solvent.

25 Neutralization may occur completely or in part during processing as the heat, mechanical shear and solvent, if present, facilitate the neutralization process.

#### CHEMICAL STABILITY

Dosage forms in which the concentration-enhancing polymer used to

30 form the solid amorphous dispersion is neutral or neutralized exhibit acceptably low rates of degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in the dosage form. The compositions and dosage forms of the present invention provide improved chemical stability of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor relative to a control composition. Where the composition comprises a solid amorphous dispersion of a CETP inhibitor and a

35 neutralized acidic concentration-enhancing polymer and an HMG-CoA reductase

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- inhibitor, the control composition is essentially the same as the composition except that the solid amorphous dispersion contains the un-neutralized acidic concentration-enhancing polymer. Where the composition comprises a solid amorphous dispersion of a CETP inhibitor and a neutral concentration-enhancing polymer and an HMG-CoA
- 5 reductase inhibitor, the control composition is essentially the same as the composition except that the solid amorphous dispersion contains the acidic concentration-enhancing polymer HPMCAS instead of the neutral polymer. The HPMCAS used in the control composition should have a minimum degree of substitution of succinate groups ( $O(CO)CH_2CH_2(CO)OH$ ) of at least 4 wt% (or at least about 100 milliequivalents
- 10 of carboxylic acid functional groups per mole of polymer). A suitable grade of HPMCAS to use in the control composition is the "H" grade, available from Shin Etsu (Tokyo, Japan).

In general, degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor may be measured using any conventional method for measuring the potency or purity of drug

15 in a pharmaceutical composition. For example, the amount of active HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor present in a composition may be initially measured using high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) or other analytical techniques well known in the art. Alternatively, the amount of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor initially present may be calculated from the amount of drug present in the composition. The potency of

20 the composition is then measured after storage at controlled temperature and humidity conditions for an appropriate period of time. A decrease in potency indicates that a chemical reaction has occurred, leading to a decrease in the amount of active drug present in the composition, and is an indication of poor chemical stability.

An alternative method used to evaluate chemical stability is to analyze

25 the rate of increase in the amount of drug degradant(s) in the composition, which would indicate reaction of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. An HPLC or other analytical technique may be used to determine the concentration of drug degradant(s) in a composition. The amount of the degradant(s) is measured before and after storage under controlled storage conditions. The amount of increase in the drug degradant(s)

30 may be used to determine the amount of decrease in "percent drug purity," defined as 100 times the total amount of drug present divided by the amount of drug initially present. Thus, percent drug purity may be calculated as follows:

$$\text{percent drug purity} = 100 \times \left( \frac{\text{total drug present}}{\text{drug initially present}} \right)$$

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- When the drug purity is calculated from the total amount of impurities, percent drug purity may be calculated by assuming that the drug initially present, given in wt%, is equal to 100 wt% minus the wt% of total initial impurities, and that total drug
- 5 present is equal to 100 wt% minus the wt% of total impurities after storage, that is, at some later time. This method of calculating percent drug purity is by the formula:

$$\text{percent drug purity} = 100 \times \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\text{total impurities}}{\text{drug initially present}} \right) \right]$$

- 10 The rate at which drug degradation occurs is generally dependent on the storage conditions. The HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, when formulated in a composition of the present invention, should be stable at ambient temperature and humidity conditions (e.g., 20% to 60% relative humidity (RH)) for long periods of time, such as months or years. However, to expedite testing, the storage conditions may
- 15 employ elevated temperature and/or humidity to simulate longer storage times at ambient conditions. The storage time may vary from a few days to weeks or months, depending on the reactivity of the drug and the storage conditions.

- A "degree of degradation" of drug following storage may be determined by subtracting the final percent drug purity (determined either by measuring the
- 20 decrease in drug present or the increase in drug impurities present) from the initial percent drug purity. For example, a sample of composition initially containing 100 mg HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor and having no measurable impurities would have an initial percent drug purity of 100 wt%. If, after storage, the amount of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in the sample decreases to 95 mg, the final percent drug purity
- 25 would be 95 wt% and the degree of degradation would be 100 wt% less 95 wt%, or 5 wt%. Alternatively, if 100 mg of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor were found to initially have 1 mg of impurities present, it would have an initial percent drug purity of 99 wt%. If, after storage, the total impurities present had increased to 6 wt%, the final percent drug purity would be 94 wt% and the degree of degradation would be 99 wt% less
- 30 94 wt%, or 5 wt%.

Alternatively, degree of degradation can be determined by subtracting the amount of one or more specific drug degradants initially present from the amount of that specific degradant present after storage. Such a measure is useful where there are several drug degradants, of which only one or a few is of concern. For example, if

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an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor initially contained a specific degradant at a concentration of 1 wt% and after storage the concentration of that degradant was 6 wt%, the degree of degradation would be 6 wt% less 1 wt%, or 5 wt%.

A relative degree of improvement in chemical stability of the HMG-CoA

- 5 reductase inhibitor in a test composition may be determined by taking the ratio of the degree of degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in a control composition and the degree of degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in a test composition under the same storage conditions for the same storage time period. The test composition is simply the composition of the solid amorphous dispersion of the CETP
- 10 inhibitor and neutral or neutralized concentration-enhancing polymer, the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and optional additional excipients. Where the concentration-enhancing polymer is a neutral polymer, the control composition is the same as the test composition, except that the concentration-enhancing polymer is the acidic concentration-enhancing polymer HPMCAS, as previously described. Where the
- 15 concentration-enhancing polymer is a neutralized acidic polymer, the control composition is the same as the test composition, except that the polymer is the unneutralized form of the acidic polymer. For example, where the degree of degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in a test composition is 1 wt%, and the degree of degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in a control composition
- 20 is 5 wt%, the relative degree of improvement is 5 wt%/1 wt% equals 5.0. For compositions and dosage forms in which the solid amorphous dispersion comprises a neutral or neutralized acidic polymer, the relative degree of improvement is at least 1.1. Preferably, the relative degree of improvement is at least 1.25, more preferably at least 2.0, and even more preferably at least 3.0, most preferably at least 5.0. In fact, some
- 25 compositions of the present invention may achieve a relative degree of improvement greater than 20.

- 30 The particular storage conditions and time of storage may be chosen as convenient depending on the degree of acid-sensitivity of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, the particular concentration-enhancing polymer used in the solid amorphous dispersion, and the ratio of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor to polymer in the composition. Where the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is particularly acid-sensitive, or where the composition has a low ratio of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor to polymer, then shorter storage time periods may be used. Where the rate of degradation is linear, the relative degree of improvement will be independent of the storage time. However,
- 35 where the rate of degradation is non-linear under controlled storage conditions, the

- stability test used to compare the test composition with the control composition is preferably chosen such that the degree of degradation is sufficiently large that it may be accurately measured. Typically, the time period is chosen so as to observe a degree of degradation in the control composition of at least 0.1 wt% to 0.2 wt%.
- 5 However, the time period is not so long that the ratio of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor to polymer changes substantially. Typically, the time period is such that the observed degree of degradation for the test composition is less than 50 wt% and preferably less than 20 wt%. When rate of degradation in the control composition is relatively slow, the test is preferably conducted over a long enough period of time under controlled
- 10 storage conditions to allow a meaningful comparison of the stability of the test composition with the control composition.

A stability test which may be used to test whether a composition or dosage form meets the chemical stability criteria described above is storage of the test dispersion and the control dispersion for six months at 40°C and 75% relative humidity (RH) or for three months at 50°C and 75% RH. A relative degree of improvement may become apparent within a shorter time, such as three to five days, and shorter storage times may be used for some very acid-sensitive HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors. When comparing dispersions under storage conditions that approximate ambient conditions, e.g., 30°C and 60% RH, the storage period may need to be several months up to two

20 years.

In addition, it is preferred that the compositions comprising an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor and a solid amorphous dispersion result in drug stability such that the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor has a degree of degradation of less than about 5 wt%, more preferably less than about 2 wt%, even more preferably less than about 0.5 wt%, and most preferably less than about 0.1 wt% when stored at 40°C and 75% RH for six months, or less than about 5 wt%, more preferably less than about 2 wt%, even more preferably less than about 0.5 wt%, and more preferably less than about 0.1 wt%, when stored at 30°C and 60% RH for one year. Nevertheless, the compositions of the present invention may have a degree of degradation that is much greater than the preferred values, so long as the composition achieves the degree of improvement relative to a control composition as described above.

#### CHOLESTERYL ESTER TRANSFER PROTEIN INHIBITORS

The CETP inhibitor may be any compound capable of inhibiting the

35 cholesteryl ester transfer protein. Solid amorphous dispersions are particularly useful

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- for CETP inhibitors that have sufficiently low aqueous solubility, low bioavailability or slow rate of absorption such that it is desirable to increase their concentration in an aqueous environment of use. The CETP inhibitor is typically "sparingly water-soluble," which means that the CETP inhibitor has a minimum aqueous solubility of less than
- 5 about 1 to 2 mg/mL at any physiologically relevant pH (e.g., pH 1-8) and at about 22°C. Many CETP inhibitors are "substantially water-insoluble," which means that the CETP inhibitor has a minimum aqueous solubility of less than about 0.01 mg/mL (or 10 µg/ml) at any physiologically relevant pH (e.g., pH 1-8) and at about 22°C. (Unless otherwise specified, reference to aqueous solubility herein and in the claims is determined at
- 10 about 22°C.) Compositions of the present invention find greater utility as the solubility of the CETP inhibitors decreases, and thus are preferred for CETP inhibitors with solubilities less than about 10 µg/mL, and even more preferred for CETP inhibitors with solubilities less than about 1 µg/mL. Many CETP inhibitors have even lower solubilities (some even less than 0.1 µg/mL), and require dramatic concentration enhancement to
- 15 be sufficiently bioavailable upon oral dosing for effective plasma concentrations to be reached at practical doses.

In general, the CETP inhibitor has a dose-to-aqueous solubility ratio greater than about 100 mL, where the solubility (mg/mL) is the minimum value observed in any physiologically relevant aqueous solution (e.g., those with pH values

20 from 1 to 8) including USP simulated gastric and intestinal buffers, and dose is in mg. Compositions of the present invention, as mentioned above, find greater utility as the solubility of the CETP inhibitor decreases and the dose increases. Thus, the compositions are preferred as the dose-to-solubility ratio increases, and thus are preferred for dose-to-solubility ratios greater than 1000 mL, and more preferred for

25 dose-to-solubility ratios greater than about 5000 ml. The dose-to-solubility ratio may be determined by dividing the dose (in mg) by the aqueous solubility (in mg/ml).

Oral delivery of many CETP inhibitors is particularly difficult because their aqueous solubility is usually extremely low, typically being less than 2 µg/ml, often being less than 0.1 µg/ml. Such low solubilities are a direct consequence of the

30 particular structural characteristics of species that bind to CETP and thus act as CETP inhibitors. This low solubility is primarily due to the hydrophobic nature of CETP inhibitors. Log P, defined as the base 10 logarithm of the ratio of the drug solubility in octanol to the drug solubility in water, is a widely accepted measure of hydrophobicity. Log P may be measured experimentally or calculated using methods known in the art.

35 Calculated Log P values are often referred to by the calculation method, such as Alog

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- P, Clog P, and Mlog P. In general, Log P values for CETP inhibitors are greater than 4 and are often greater than 5. Thus, the hydrophobic and insoluble nature of CETP inhibitors as a class pose a particular challenge for oral delivery. Achieving therapeutic drug levels in the blood by oral dosing of practical quantities of drug generally requires
- 5 a large enhancement in drug concentrations in the gastrointestinal fluid and a resulting large enhancement in bioavailability. Such enhancements in drug concentration in gastrointestinal fluid typically need to be at least about 10-fold and often at least about 50-fold or even at least about 200-fold to achieve desired blood levels. Surprisingly, the solid amorphous dispersions of the present invention have proven to have the
- 10 required large enhancements in drug concentration and bioavailability.

- In contrast to conventional wisdom, the relative degree of enhancement in aqueous concentration and bioavailability provided by the solid amorphous dispersions generally improves for CETP inhibitors as solubility decreases and hydrophobicity increases. In fact, the inventors have recognized a subclass of these
- 15 CETP inhibitors that are essentially aqueous insoluble, highly hydrophobic, and are characterized by a set of physical properties. This subclass exhibits dramatic enhancements in aqueous concentration and bioavailability when formulated using a solid amorphous dispersion.

- The first property of this subclass of essentially insoluble, hydrophobic
- 20 CETP inhibitors is extremely low aqueous solubility. By extremely low aqueous solubility is meant that the minimum aqueous solubility at physiologically relevant pH (pH of 1 to 8) is less than about 10 µg/ml and preferably less than about 1 µg/ml.

- A second property is a very high dose-to-solubility ratio. Extremely low solubility often leads to poor or slow absorption of the drug from the fluid of the
- 25 gastrointestinal tract, when the drug is dosed orally in a conventional manner. For extremely low solubility drugs, poor absorption generally becomes progressively more difficult as the dose (mass of drug given orally) increases. Thus, a second property of this subclass of essentially insoluble, hydrophobic CETP inhibitors is a very high dose (in mg) to solubility (in mg/ml) ratio (ml). By "very high dose-to-solubility ratio" is meant
- 30 that the dose-to-solubility ratio has a value of at least 1000 ml, and preferably at least 5,000 ml, and more preferably at least 10,000 ml.

- A third property of this subclass of essentially insoluble, hydrophobic CETP inhibitors is that they are extremely hydrophobic. By extremely hydrophobic is meant that the Log P value of the drug, has a value of at least 4.0, preferably a value of
- 35 at least 5.0, and more preferably a value of at least 5.5.

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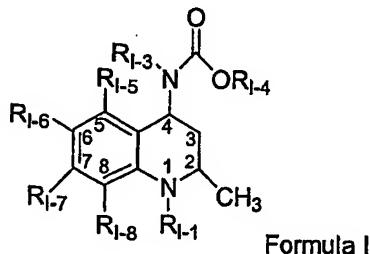
A fourth property of this subclass of essentially insoluble CETP inhibitors is that they have a low melting point. Generally, drugs of this subclass will have a melting point of about 150°C or less, and preferably about 140°C or less.

Primarily, as a consequence of some or all of these four properties,

- 5 CETP inhibitors of this subclass typically have very low absolute bioavailabilities. Specifically, the absolute bioavailability of drugs in this subclass when dosed orally in their undispersed state is less than about 10% and more often less than about 5%.
- 10 For this subclass of CETP inhibitors, the CETP inhibitor, when dispersed in the solid amorphous dispersion, should be at least substantially amorphous, and more preferably is almost completely amorphous, as described below. In addition, the solid amorphous dispersion should be substantially homogeneous. As discussed below, such dispersions may be made by mechanical processes, such as milling and extrusion; melt processes, such as fusion, melt-extrusion, and melt-congealing; and solvent processes, such as non-solvent precipitation, spray coating, and spray-drying.
- 15 When prepared in this fashion, this class of essentially insoluble, hydrophobic CETP inhibitors often exhibits dramatic enhancements in aqueous concentration in the use environment and in bioavailability when dosed orally. While the degree of enhancement will depend on the particular concentration-enhancing polymer, when preferred concentration-enhancing polymers are used (as discussed below), such
- 20 compositions may provide a maximum drug concentration (MDC) in an aqueous use environment that is at least about 50-fold, and preferably at least about 200-fold, the equilibrium concentration of a control composition comprising an equivalent quantity of the essentially insoluble, hydrophobic CETP inhibitor but free from the concentration-enhancing polymer. Likewise, the compositions also display in an aqueous use
- 25 environment an area under the concentration versus time curve (AUC), for any period of at least 90 minutes between the time of introduction into the use environment and about 270 minutes following introduction into the use environment that is at least about 25-fold, and preferably at least about 100-fold, that of the control composition comprising an equivalent quantity of drug but free from the concentration-enhancing
- 30 polymer.

In the following, by "pharmaceutically acceptable forms" thereof is meant any pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or variation, including stereoisomers, stereoisomer mixtures, enantiomers, solvates, hydrates, isomorphs, polymorphs, salt forms and prodrugs.

One class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of oxy substituted 4-carboxyamino-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines having the Formula I



- 5 and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof;
- wherein R<sub>1-1</sub> is hydrogen, Y<sub>1</sub>, W<sub>1</sub>-X<sub>1</sub>, W<sub>1</sub>-Y<sub>1</sub>;
- wherein W<sub>1</sub> is a carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, sulfinyl or sulfonyl;
- X<sub>1</sub> is -O-Y<sub>1</sub>, -S-Y<sub>1</sub>, -N(H)-Y<sub>1</sub> or -N-(Y<sub>1</sub>)<sub>2</sub>;
- wherein Y<sub>1</sub> for each occurrence is independently Z<sub>1</sub> or a fully saturated, partially
- 10 unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to ten membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally
- 15 mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with Z<sub>1</sub>;
- wherein Z<sub>1</sub> is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to eight membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently
- 20 from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or, a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;
- wherein said Z<sub>1</sub> substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted
- 25 independently with halo, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino wherein said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino, said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;

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$R_{I-3}$  is hydrogen or  $Q_I$ ;

wherein  $Q_I$  is a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from

5 oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $V_I$ ;

10 wherein  $V_I$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to eight membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from

15 nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;

wherein said  $V_I$  substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carbamoyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylcarbamoyl, carboxyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-

20  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl substituents are also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;

25  $R_{I-4}$  is  $Q_{I-1}$  or  $V_{I-1}$

wherein  $Q_{I-1}$  is a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted

30 independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $V_{I-1}$ ;

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wherein  $V_{I-1}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered ring optionally having one to two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen;

wherein said  $V_{I-1}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted

- 5 independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ ,  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ , amino, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyloxycarbonyl$ , mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)alkylamino$  wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  substituent is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;  
wherein either  $R_{I-3}$  must contain  $V_I$  or  $R_{I-4}$  must contain  $V_{I-1}$ ; and  $R_{I-5}$ ,  $R_{I-6}$ ,  $R_{I-7}$   
10 and  $R_{I-8}$  are each independently hydrogen, hydroxy or oxy wherein oxy is substituted with  $T_I$  or a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated one to twelve membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally  
15 mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $T_I$ ;  
wherein  $T_I$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to  
20 eight membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;  
25 wherein said  $T_I$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ ,  $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$ , hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ ,  $(C_1-C_4)alkylthio$ , amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyloxycarbonyl$ , mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)alkylamino$  wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ ,  $(C_1-C_4)alkylthio$ , amino,  
30 nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyloxycarbonyl$ , mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)alkylamino$ , said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines.

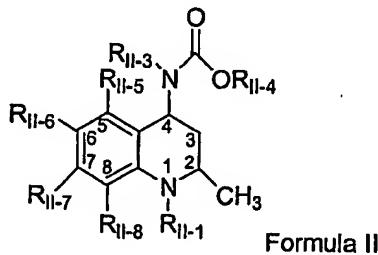
Compounds of Formula I are disclosed in commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,140,342, the complete disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from one of the following compounds of Formula I:

- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-dichloro-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 5 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-dinitro-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(2,6-dichloro-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 10 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6-methoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6-methoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-7-methoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester,
- 15 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-ethoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl ester;
- 20 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid propyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
- 25 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-methyl-6-trifluoromethoxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-(1-butyryl-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolin-4-yl)-carbamic acid methyl ester;
- 30 [2R,4S] (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-(1-butyyl-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolin-4-yl)-carbamic acid methyl ester;
- [2R,4S] (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-[1-(2-ethyl-butyl)-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolin-4-yl]-carbamic acid methyl ester, hydrochloride

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Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of 4-carboxyamino-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, having the Formula II



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and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof;

- wherein  $R_{II-1}$  is hydrogen,  $Y_{II}$ ,  $W_{II}-X_{II}$ ,  $W_{II}-Y_{II}$ ;
- wherein  $W_{II}$  is a carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, sulfinyl or sulfonyl;
- 10       $X_{II}$  is  $-O-Y_{II}$ ,  $-S-Y_{II}$ ,  $-N(H)-Y_{II}$  or  $-N-(Y_{II})_2$ ;
- wherein  $Y_{II}$  for each occurrence is independently  $Z_{II}$  or a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to ten membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and
- 15      nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $Z_{II}$ ;
- 20       $Z_{II}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to twelve membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur
- 25      and oxygen;
- wherein said  $Z_{II}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$  alkyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di-
- 30      or tri-substituted independently with halo, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-

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(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino, said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;

R<sub>II-3</sub> is hydrogen or Q<sub>II</sub>;

wherein Q<sub>II</sub> is a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to

- 5 six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-  
10 substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with V<sub>II</sub>;

wherein V<sub>II</sub> is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to twelve membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected

independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or, a bicyclic ring consisting of two

- 15 fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;

wherein said V<sub>II</sub> substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted independently with halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl, hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy,

- 20 (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxamoyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylcarboxamoyl, carboxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino wherein said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-
- 25 (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino or said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituents are optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;

R<sub>II-4</sub> is Q<sub>II-1</sub> or V<sub>II-1</sub>

wherein Q<sub>II-1</sub> a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to

six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the

- 30 connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di- substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and  
35 said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with V<sub>II-1</sub>;

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wherein  $V_{II-1}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered ring optionally having one to two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen;

wherein said  $V_{II-1}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted

- 5 independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, amino, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;
- wherein either  $R_{II-3}$  must contain  $V_{II}$  or  $R_{II-4}$  must contain  $V_{II-1}$ ; and
- 10  $R_{II-5}$ ,  $R_{II-6}$ ,  $R_{II-7}$  and  $R_{II-8}$  are each independently hydrogen, a bond, nitro or halo wherein said bond is substituted with  $T_{II}$  or a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated  $(C_1-C_{12})$  straight or branched carbon chain wherein carbon may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen wherein said carbon atoms are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted
- 15 independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with  $T_{II}$ ;
- wherein  $T_{II}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to
- 20 twelve membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or, a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;
- 25 wherein said  $T_{II}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines; provided that at least one of substituents  $R_{II-5}$ ,  $R_{II-6}$ ,  $R_{II-7}$  and  $R_{II-8}$  is not hydrogen and is not linked to the quinoline moiety through oxy.

Compounds of Formula II are disclosed in commonly assigned U.S. Patent

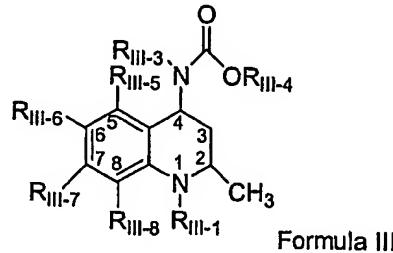
- 35 No. 6,147,090, the complete disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from one of the following compounds of Formula II:

- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-methyl-7-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 5 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-7-chloro-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6-chloro-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-
- 10 2,6,7-trimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6,7-diethyl-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6-ethyl-2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 15 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester.

Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention

20 consists of annulated 4-carboxyamino-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, having the Formula III



- 25 and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof;
- wherein R<sub>III-1</sub> is hydrogen, Y<sub>III</sub>, W<sub>III</sub>-X<sub>III</sub>, W<sub>III</sub>-Y<sub>III</sub>;
- wherein W<sub>III</sub> is a carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, sulfinyl or sulfonyl;
- X<sub>III</sub> is -O-Y<sub>III</sub>, -S-Y<sub>III</sub>, -N(H)-Y<sub>III</sub> or -N-(Y<sub>III</sub>)<sub>2</sub>;
- Y<sub>III</sub> for each occurrence is independently Z<sub>III</sub> or a fully saturated, partially
- 30 unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to ten membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be

replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo,

- 5 said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $Z_{III}$ ;

wherein  $Z_{III}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to twelve membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two

- 10 fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;

wherein said  $Z_{III}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$  alkyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,

- 15  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl optionally substituted with from one to nine

- 20 fluorines;

$R_{III-3}$  is hydrogen or  $Q_{III}$ ;

wherein  $Q_{III}$  is a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from

- 25 oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $V_{III}$ ;

- 30 wherein  $V_{III}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to twelve membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;

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- wherein said  $V_{III}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxamoyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylcarboxamoyl, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-
- 5  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino or said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl are optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;
- 10  $R_{III-4}$  is  $Q_{III-1}$  or  $V_{III-1}$ ;  
wherein  $Q_{III-1}$  a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted
- 15 independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $V_{III-1}$ ;  
wherein  $V_{III-1}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to
- 20 six membered ring optionally having one to two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen;  
wherein said  $V_{III-1}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, amino, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein
- 25 said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent optionally having from one to nine fluorines;  
wherein either  $R_{III-3}$  must contain  $V_{III}$  or  $R_{III-4}$  must contain  $V_{III-1}$ ; and  $R_{III-5}$  and  $R_{III-6}$ , or  $R_{III-6}$  and  $R_{III-7}$ , and/or  $R_{III-7}$  and  $R_{III-8}$  are taken together and form at least one four to eight membered ring that is partially saturated or fully unsaturated
- 30 optionally having one to three heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;  
wherein said ring or rings formed by  $R_{III-5}$  and  $R_{III-6}$ , or  $R_{III-6}$  and  $R_{III-7}$ , and/or  $R_{III-7}$  and  $R_{III-8}$  are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylsulfonyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-

N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino wherein said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino, said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituent optionally having from one to nine fluorines;

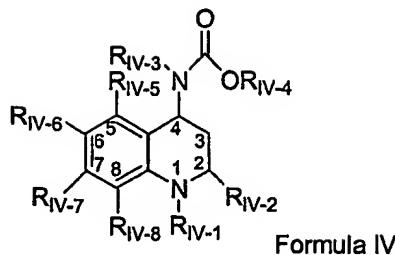
- 5 provided that the R<sub>III-5</sub>, R<sub>III-6</sub>, R<sub>III-7</sub> and/or R<sub>III-8</sub>, as the case may be, that do not form at least one ring are each independently hydrogen, halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl optionally having from one to nine fluorines.

Compounds of Formula III are disclosed in commonly assigned pending U.S. Patent No. 6,147,089, the complete disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from one of the following compounds of Formula III:

- [2R, 4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-methyl-2,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydro-cyclopenta[g]quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 15 [6R, 8S] 8-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6-methyl-3,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1H-2-thia-5-aza-cyclopenta[b]naphthalene-5-carboxylic acid ethylester;
- [6R, 8S] 8-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6-methyl-3,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-g]quinoline-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 20 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-methyl-3,4,6,8-tetrahydro-2H-furo[3,4-g]quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-methyl-3,4,6,7,8,9-hexahydro-2H-benzo[g]quinoline-1-carboxylic acid propyl ester;
- 25 [7R,9S] 9-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-7-methyl-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexahydro-6-aza-cyclopenta[a]naphthalene-6-carboxylic acid ethyl ester; and
- [6S,8R] 6-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-8-methyl-1,2,3,6,7,8-hexahydro-9-aza-cyclopenta[a]naphthalene-9-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.
- 30 Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of 4-carboxyamino-2-substituted-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, having the Formula IV

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and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof;

- wherein RIV-1 is hydrogen, YIV, WIV-XIV or WIV-YIV;
- 5       wherein WIV is a carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, sulfinyl or sulfonyl; XIV is -O-YIV, -S-YIV, -N(H)-YIV or -N-(YIV)2; wherein YIV for each occurrence is independently ZIV or a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to ten membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be
- 10      replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is
- 15      optionally mono-substituted with ZIV; wherein ZIV is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to eight membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken
- 20      independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen; wherein said ZIV substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl, hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or
- 25      di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino wherein said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino, said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;
- 30      RIV-2 is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the

- connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen wherein said carbon atoms are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy,
- 5 said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo; or said  $R_{IV-2}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to seven membered ring optionally having one to two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, wherein said  $R_{IV-2}$  ring is optionally attached through  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl;
- 10 wherein said  $R_{IV-2}$  ring is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$  alkyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, oxo or
- 15  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl;
- with the proviso that  $R_{IV-2}$  is not methyl;
- $R_{IV-3}$  is hydrogen or  $Q_{IV}$ ;
- wherein  $Q_{IV}$  is a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons other than the
- 20 connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and
- 25 said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $V_{IV}$ ;
- wherein  $V_{IV}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to eight membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken
- 30 independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;
- wherein said  $V_{IV}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxamoyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$
- 35 alkylcarboxamoyl, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-

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(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino wherein said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino, said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituents are also optionally

5 substituted with from one to nine fluorines;

R<sub>IV-4</sub> is Q<sub>IV-1</sub> or V<sub>IV-1</sub>;

wherein Q<sub>IV-1</sub> a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from

10 oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with V<sub>IV-1</sub>;

15 wherein V<sub>IV-1</sub> is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered ring optionally having one to two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen;

wherein said V<sub>IV-1</sub> substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted independently with halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, amino, nitro, cyano,

20 (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino wherein said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituent is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;

wherein either R<sub>IV-3</sub> must contain V<sub>IV</sub> or R<sub>IV-4</sub> must contain V<sub>IV-1</sub>;

R<sub>IV-5</sub>, R<sub>IV-6</sub>, R<sub>IV-7</sub> and R<sub>IV-8</sub> are each independently hydrogen, a bond, nitro or halo

25 wherein said bond is substituted with T<sub>IV</sub> or a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>) straight or branched carbon chain wherein carbon, may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen wherein said carbon atoms are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said

30 carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with T<sub>IV</sub>;

wherein T<sub>IV</sub> is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to eight membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently

35 from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or, a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially

saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;

wherein said  $T_{IV}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted

- 5 independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines; and
- 10 wherein  $R_{IV-5}$  and  $R_{IV-6}$ , or  $R_{IV-6}$  and  $R_{IV-7}$ , and/or  $R_{IV-7}$  and  $R_{IV-8}$  may also be taken together and can form at least one four to eight membered ring that is partially saturated or fully unsaturated optionally having one to three heteroatoms independently.
- 15 selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;

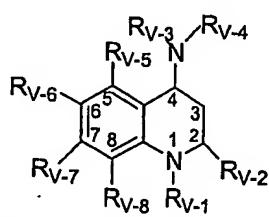
- wherein said ring or rings formed by  $R_{IV-5}$  and  $R_{IV-6}$ , or  $R_{IV-6}$  and  $R_{IV-7}$ , and/or  $R_{IV-7}$  and  $R_{IV-8}$  are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylsulfonyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines; with the proviso that when  $R_{IV-2}$  is carboxyl or  $(C_1-C_4)$  alkylcarboxyl, then  $R_{IV-1}$  is not hydrogen.
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Compounds of Formula IV are disclosed in commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,197,786, the complete disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from one of the following compounds of Formula IV:

- 30 [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-isopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;
- 35 [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-6-chloro-2-cyclopropyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;
- 35 [2S,4S] 2-cyclopropyl-4-[(3,5-dichloro-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-

- amino]-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;  
 [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;  
 [2R,4R] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;  
 5 [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;  
 [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-cyclobutyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester,  
 10 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;  
 [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-methoxymethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;  
 15 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid 2-hydroxy-ethyl ester;  
 [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;  
 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;  
 20 [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid propyl ester;  
 and  
 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid propyl ester.  
 25 Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of 4-amino substituted-2-substituted-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, having the Formula V



Formula V

- 30 and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof;  
 wherein R\_V-1 is Y\_V, W\_V-X\_V or W\_V-Y\_V;

wherein  $W_V$  is a carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, sulfinyl or sulfonyl;

$X_V$  is  $-O-Y_V$ ,  $-S-Y_V$ ,  $-N(H)-Y_V$  or  $-N-(Y_V)_2$ ;

wherein  $Y_V$  for each occurrence is independently  $Z_V$  or a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to ten membered straight or branched carbon

- 5 chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo,
- 10 said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $Z_V$ ;

wherein  $Z_V$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to eight membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially

- 15 saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;

wherein said  $Z_V$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$  alkyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,

- 20  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is also optionally substituted with from
- 25 one to nine fluorines;

$R_{V-2}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen wherein said carbon atoms are

- 30 optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo; or said  $R_{V-2}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to seven membered ring optionally having one to two

heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, wherein said  $R_{V-2}$  ring is optionally attached through  $(C_1-C_4)alkyl$ :

wherein said  $R_{V-2}$  ring is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$ ,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ , hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ ,  $(C_1-C_4)alkylthio$ , amino,

- 5 nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyloxycarbonyl$ , mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)alkylamino$  wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ ,  $(C_1-C_4)alkylthio$ , oxo or  $(C_1-C_6)alkyloxycarbonyl$ ;

$R_{V-3}$  is hydrogen or  $Q_V$ ;

- 10 wherein  $Q_V$  is a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons, other than the connecting carbon, may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said 15 carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $V_V$ ;

wherein  $V_V$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to eight membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently 20 from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;

- wherein said  $V_V$  substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted 25 independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ ,  $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$ , hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ ,  $(C_1-C_4)alkylthio$ , amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxamoyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)alkylcarboxamoyl$ , carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyloxycarbonyl$ , mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)alkylamino$  wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  or  $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$  substituent is optionally, mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ ,  $(C_1-C_4)alkylthio$ , 30 amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyloxycarbonyl$ , mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)alkylamino$ , said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  or  $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$  substituents are also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;

$R_{V-4}$  is cyano, formyl,  $W_{V-1}Q_{V-1}$ ,  $W_{V-1}V_{V-1}$ ,  $(C_1-C_4)alkyleneV_{V-1}$  or  $V_{V-2}$ ;

wherein  $W_{V-1}$  is carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, SO or  $SO_2$ ,

- wherein  $Q_{V-1}$  a fully saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated one to six membered straight or branched carbon chain wherein the carbons may optionally be replaced with one heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and said carbon is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is
- 5     optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono-, or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $V_{V-1}$ ;
- wherein  $V_{V-1}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to
- 10    six membered ring optionally having one to two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;
- 15    wherein said  $V_{V-1}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ ,  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ , hydroxy, oxo, amino, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyloxycarbonyl$ , mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)alkylamino$  wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  substituent is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  substituent is also optionally substituted with from one to nine fluorines;
- 20    wherein  $V_{V-2}$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated five to seven membered ring containing one to four heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen;
- wherein said  $V_{V-2}$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_2)alkyl$ ,  $(C_1-C_2)alkoxy$ , hydroxy, or oxo wherein said
- 25     $(C_1-C_2)alkyl$  optionally has from one to five fluorines; and
- wherein  $R_{V-4}$  does not include oxycarbonyl linked directly to the  $C_4$  nitrogen;
- wherein either  $R_{V-3}$  must contain  $V_V$  or  $R_{V-4}$  must contain  $V_{V-1}$ ;
- $R_{V-5}$ ,  $R_{V-6}$ ,  $R_{V-7}$  and  $R_{V-8}$  are independently hydrogen, a bond, nitro or halo
- wherein said bond is substituted with  $T_V$  or a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully
- 30    unsaturated  $(C_1-C_{12})$  straight or branched carbon chain wherein carbon may optionally be replaced with one or two heteroatoms selected independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, wherein said carbon atoms are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with hydroxy, said carbon is optionally mono-substituted with oxo, said sulfur is optionally mono- or

di-substituted with oxo, said nitrogen is optionally mono- or di-substituted with oxo, and said carbon chain is optionally mono-substituted with  $T_V$ ;

wherein  $T_V$  is a partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to twelve membered ring optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected

- 5 independently from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, or a bicyclic ring consisting of two fused partially saturated, fully saturated or fully unsaturated three to six membered rings, taken independently, optionally having one to four heteroatoms selected independently from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;  
wherein said  $T_V$  substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted
- 10 independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent also optionally has from one to nine fluorines;  
wherein  $R_{V-5}$  and  $R_{V-6}$ , or  $R_{V-6}$  and  $R_{V-7}$ , and/or  $R_{V-7}$  and  $R_{V-8}$  may also be taken together and can form at least one ring that is a partially saturated or fully unsaturated four to eight membered ring optionally having one to three heteroatoms independently
- 15  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent also optionally has from one to nine fluorines;  
wherein  $R_{V-5}$  and  $R_{V-6}$ , or  $R_{V-6}$  and  $R_{V-7}$ , and/or  $R_{V-7}$  and  $R_{V-8}$  may also be taken together and can form at least one ring that is a partially saturated or fully unsaturated four to eight membered ring optionally having one to three heteroatoms independently
- 20 selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen;  
wherein said rings formed by  $R_{V-5}$  and  $R_{V-6}$ , or  $R_{V-6}$  and  $R_{V-7}$ , and/or  $R_{V-7}$  and  $R_{V-8}$  are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with halo,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylsulfonyl,  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl, hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino wherein said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent is optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted independently with hydroxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkylthio, amino, nitro, cyano, oxo, carboxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyloxycarbonyl, mono-N- or di-N,N- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino, said  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituent also optionally has from one to nine fluorines.
- 25 Compounds of Formula V are disclosed in commonly assigned U.S.
- 30 Patent No. 6,140,343, the complete disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

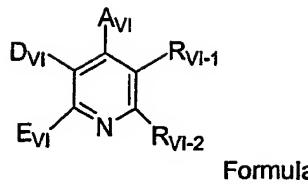
In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from one of the following compounds of Formula V:

- [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-formyl-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;

- [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-formyl-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid propyl ester;
- [2S,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
- 5 [2R,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester,
- [2S,4S] 4-[1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-ureido]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;
- 10 [2R,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2S,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-methoxymethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;
- 15 [2S,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid propyl ester;
- [2S,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2S,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 20 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-formyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;
- [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-formyl-amino]-2-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2S,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester;
- 25 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-formyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- [2S,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-formyl-amino]-2-cyclopropyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 30 [2R,4S] 4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-formyl-amino]-2-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester; and
- [2R,4S] 4-[acetyl-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amino]-2-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid isopropyl ester.

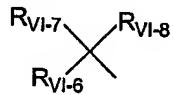
Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention  
35 consists of cycloalkano-pyridines having the Formula VI

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and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof;

- 5 in which  $A_VI$  denotes an aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted with up to five identical or different substituents in the form of a halogen, nitro, hydroxyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or a straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxy containing up to 7 carbon atoms each, or in the form of a group according to the formula  $-NR_{VI-3}R_{VI-4}$ , wherein
- 10  $R_{VI-3}$  and  $R_{VI-4}$  are identical or different and denote a hydrogen, phenyl or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms,  
 $D_VI$  denotes an aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted with a phenyl, nitro, halogen, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, or a radical according to the formula  $R_{VI-5}-L_{VI-7}$ ,
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or  $R_{VI-9}-T_{VI-10}-V_{VI-11}-X_{VI-12}$ , wherein

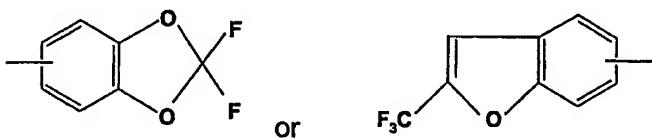
- $R_{VI-5}$ ,  $R_{VI-6}$  and  $R_{VI-9}$  denote, independently from one another, a cycloalkyl containing 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or an aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atom or a 5- to 7-membered, optionally benzo-condensed, saturated or unsaturated, mono-, bi- or tricyclic heterocycle containing up to 4 heteroatoms from the series of S, N and/or O, wherein the rings are optionally substituted, in the case of the nitrogen-containing rings also via the N function, with up to five identical or different substituents in the form of a halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, trifluoromethoxy, a straight-chain or branched acyl, alkyl, alkylthio, alkylalkoxy, alkoxy or alkoxy carbonyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms each, an aryl or trifluoromethyl-substituted aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atoms each, or an optionally benzo-condensed, aromatic 5- to 7-membered heterocycle containing up to 3 heteroatoms from the series of S, N and/or O, and/or in the form of a group according to the formula  $-OR_{VI-10}$ ,  $-SR_{VI-11}$ ,  $-SO_2R_{VI-12}$  or  $-NR_{VI-13}R_{VI-14}$ , wherein

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$R_{VI-10}$ ,  $R_{VI-11}$  and  $R_{VI-12}$  denote, independently from one another, an aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is in turn substituted with up to two identical or different substituents in the form of a phenyl, halogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms,

5  $R_{VI-13}$  and  $R_{VI-14}$  are identical or different and have the meaning of  $R_{VI-3}$  and  $R_{VI-4}$  given above, or

$R_{VI-5}$  and/or  $R_{VI-6}$  denote a radical according to the formula



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$R_{VI-7}$  denotes a hydrogen or halogen, and

$R_{VI-8}$  denotes a hydrogen, halogen, azido, trifluoromethyl, hydroxyl, trifluoromethoxy, a straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms each, or a radical according to the formula

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$-NR_{VI-15}R_{VI-16}$

wherein

20  $R_{VI-15}$  and  $R_{VI-16}$  are identical or different and have the meaning of  $R_{VI-3}$  and  $R_{VI-4}$  given above, or

$R_{VI-7}$  and  $R_{VI-8}$  together form a radical according to the formula  $=O$  or  $=NR_{VI-17}$ , wherein

$R_{VI-17}$  denotes a hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl, alkoxy or acyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms each,

25  $L_{VI}$  denotes a straight-chain or branched alkylene or alkenylene chain containing up to 8 carbon atoms each, which are optionally substituted with up to two hydroxyl groups,

$T_{VI}$  and  $X_{VI}$  are identical or different and denote a straight-chain or branched alkylene chain containing up to 8 carbon atoms, or

30  $T_{VI}$  or  $X_{VI}$  denotes a bond,

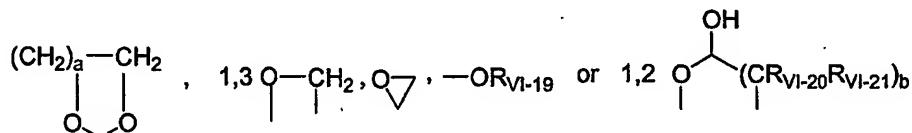
$V_{VI}$  denotes an oxygen or sulfur atom or an  $-NR_{VI-18}$  group, wherein

$R_{VI-18}$  denotes a hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms or a phenyl,

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$E_{VI}$  denotes a cycloalkyl containing 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 8 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted with a cycloalkyl containing 3 to 8 carbon atoms or a hydroxyl, or a phenyl, which is optionally substituted with a halogen or trifluoromethyl,

- 5  $R_{VI-1}$  and  $R_{VI-2}$  together form a straight-chain or branched alkylene chain containing up to 7 carbon atoms, which must be substituted with a carbonyl group and/or a radical according to the formula



- 10 wherein

a and b are identical or different and denote a number equaling 1, 2 or 3,

- $R_{VI-19}$  denotes a hydrogen atom, a cycloalkyl containing 3 to 7 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched silylalkyl containing up to 8 carbon atoms, or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 8 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted with  
 15 a hydroxyl, a straight-chain or a branched alkoxy containing up to 6 carbon atoms or a phenyl, which may in turn be substituted with a halogen, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or phenyl or tetrazole-substituted phenyl, and an alkyl that is optionally substituted with a group according to the formula  $\text{-OR}_{VI-22}$ , wherein

$R_{VI-22}$  denotes a straight-chain or branched acyl containing up to 4 carbon atoms  
 20 or benzyl, or

$R_{VI-19}$  denotes a straight-chain or branched acyl containing up to 20 carbon atoms or benzoyl, which is optionally substituted with a halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro or trifluoromethoxy, or a straight-chain or branched fluoroacyl containing up to 8 carbon atoms,

- 25  $R_{VI-20}$  and  $R_{VI-21}$  are identical or different and denote a hydrogen, phenyl or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms, or

$R_{VI-20}$  and  $R_{VI-21}$  together form a 3- to 6-membered carbocyclic ring, and the carbocyclic rings formed are optionally substituted, optionally also geminally, with up to six identical or different substituents in the form of trifluoromethyl, hydroxyl, nitrile,

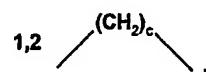
- 30 halogen, carboxyl, nitro, azido, cyano, cycloalkyl or cycloalkyloxy containing 3 to 7 carbon atoms each, a straight-chain or branched alkoxy carbonyl, alkoxy or alkylthio containing up to 6 carbon atoms each, or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing

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up to 6 carbon atoms, which is in turn substituted with up to two identical or different substituents in the form of a hydroxyl, benzyloxy, trifluoromethyl, benzoyl, a straight-chain or branched alkoxy, oxyacyl or carboxyl containing up to 4 carbon atoms each and/or a phenyl, which may in turn be substituted with a halogen, trifluoromethyl or

- 5 trifluoromethoxy, and/or the carbocyclic rings formed are optionally substituted, also geminally, with up to five identical or different substituents in the form of a phenyl, benzoyl, thiophenyl or sulfonylbenzyl, which in turn are optionally substituted with a halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or nitro, and/or optionally in the form of a radical according to the formula

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-SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, -(CO)<sub>d</sub>NR<sub>VI-23</sub>R<sub>VI-24</sub> or =O,

15 wherein

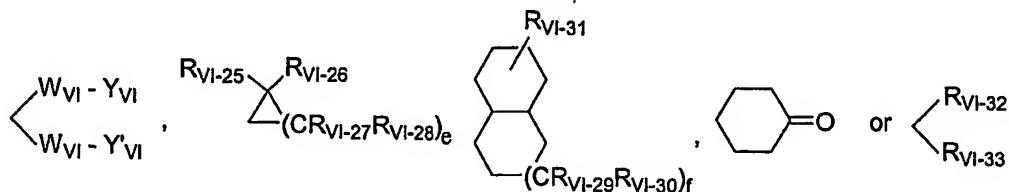
c is a number equaling 1, 2, 3 or 4,

d is a number equaling 0 or 1,

R<sub>VI-23</sub> and R<sub>VI-24</sub> are identical or different and denote a hydrogen, cycloalkyl containing 3 to 6 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 6

- 20 carbon atoms, benzyl or phenyl, which is optionally substituted with up to two identical or different substituents in the form of halogen, trifluoromethyl, cyano, phenyl or nitro, and/or the carbocyclic rings formed are optionally substituted with a spiro-linked radical according to the formula

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wherein

W<sub>VI</sub> denotes either an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

Y<sub>VI</sub> and Y'<sub>VI</sub> together form a 2- to 6-membered straight-chain or branched

- 30 alkylene chain,

e is a number equaling 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7,

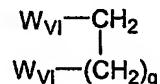
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f is a number equaling 1 or 2,

$R_{VI-25}$ ,  $R_{VI-26}$ ,  $R_{VI-27}$ ,  $R_{VI-28}$ ,  $R_{VI-29}$ ,  $R_{VI-30}$  and  $R_{VI-31}$  are identical or different and denote a hydrogen, trifluoromethyl, phenyl, halogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkoxy containing up to 6 carbon atoms each, or

5  $R_{VI-25}$  and  $R_{VI-26}$  or  $R_{VI-27}$  and  $R_{VI-28}$  each together denote a straight-chain or branched alkyl chain containing up to 6 carbon atoms or

$R_{VI-25}$  and  $R_{VI-26}$  or  $R_{VI-27}$  and  $R_{VI-28}$  each together form a radical according to the formula



wherein

$W_{VI}$  has the meaning given above,

g is a number equaling 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7,

15  $R_{VI-32}$  and  $R_{VI-33}$  together form a 3- to 7-membered heterocycle, which contains an oxygen or sulfur atom or a group according to the formula  $\text{SO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$  or  $-\text{NR}_{VI-34}$ , wherein

18  $R_{VI-34}$  denotes a hydrogen atom, a phenyl, benzyl, or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 4 carbon atoms, and salts and N oxides thereof, with  
20 the exception of 5(6H)-quinolones, 3-benzoyl-7,8-dihydro-2,7,7-trimethyl-4-phenyl.

Compounds of Formula VI are disclosed in European Patent Application No. EP 818448 A1, the complete disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

22 In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from one of the following compounds of Formula VI:

23 2-cyclopentyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-3-(4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1H-quinolin-5-one;

24 2-cyclopentyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-3-(4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-7,8-dihydro-6H-quinolin-5-one;

26 [2-cyclopentyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-3-yl]-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-methanone;

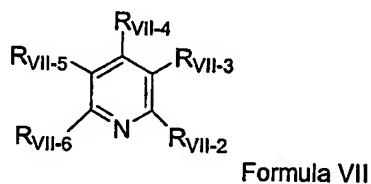
27 [5-(t-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-cyclopentyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-3-yl]-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-methanone;

28 [5-(t-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-cyclopentyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-7,7-

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- dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-3-yl]- (4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-methanol;  
 5-(t-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-cyclopentyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-[fluoro-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-methyl]-7,7-dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline;  
 2-cyclopentyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-[fluoro-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-methyl]-7,7-dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-5-ol.

Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of substituted-pyridines having the Formula VII



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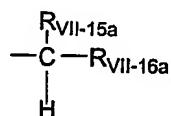
and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, wherein

$R_{VII-2}$  and  $R_{VII-6}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl, fluorinated alkyl, fluorinated aralkyl, chlorofluorinated alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, and alkoxycarbonyl;

15 provided that at least one of  $R_{VII-2}$  and  $R_{VII-6}$  is fluorinated alkyl, chlorofluorinated alkyl or alkoxyalkyl;

$R_{VII-3}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, amido, arylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, hydroxymethyl -CHO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>VII-7</sub>, wherein  $R_{VII-7}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl and cyanoalkyl; and

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wherein  $R_{VII-15a}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydrogen, halogen, alkylthio, alkanylthio, alkynylthio, arylthio, heteroarylthio, heterocyclthio, 25 alkoxy, alkenoxy, alkynoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy and heterocyclyoxy, and

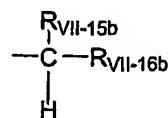
$R_{VII-16a}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, haloalkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocycl, arylalkoxy, trialkylsilyloxy;

30  $R_{VII-4}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, aryl,

- heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, aralkyl, heteroarylalkyl,  
 heterocyclalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkenyl, aralkenyl, heteroarylalkenyl,  
 heterocyclalkenyl, alkoxy, alkenoxy, alkynoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy,  
 heterocycloxy, alkanoyloxy, alkenoyloxy, alkynoyloxy, aryloyloxy, heteroaroyloxy,  
 5 heterocycloyloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkenoxycarbonyl, alkynoxycarbonyl,  
 aryloxycarbonyl, heteroaryloxycarbonyl, heterocyclloxycarbonyl, thio, alkylthio,  
 alkenylthio, alkynylthio, arylthio, heteroarylthio, heterocyclthio, cycloalkylthio,  
 cycloalkenylthio, alkylthioalkyl, alkenylthioalkyl, alkynylthioalkyl, arylthioalkyl,  
 heteroarylthioalkyl, heterocyclthioalkyl, alkylthioalkenyl, alkenylthioalkenyl,  
 10 alkynylthioalkenyl, arylthioalkenyl, heteroarylthioalkenyl, heterocyclthioalkenyl,  
 alkylamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino, arylamino, heteroarylamino,  
 heterocyclamino, arylalkylamino, diarylamino, diheteroarylamino, alkylarylamino,  
 alkylheteroarylamino, arylheteroarylamino, trialkylsilyl, trialkenylsilyl, triarylsilyl,  
 -CO(O)N(R<sub>VII-8a</sub>R<sub>VII-8b</sub>), wherein R<sub>VII-8a</sub> and R<sub>VII-8b</sub> are independently selected from the  
 15 group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocycl,-SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>VII-9</sub>,  
 wherein R<sub>VII-9</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl,  
 aryl, heteroaryl and heterocycl, -OP(O)(OR<sub>VII-10a</sub>) (OR<sub>VII-10b</sub>), wherein R<sub>VII-10a</sub> and R<sub>VII-10b</sub>  
 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl,  
 alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocycl, and -OP(S) (OR<sub>VII-11a</sub>) (OR<sub>VII-11b</sub>),  
 20 wherein R<sub>VII-11a</sub> and R<sub>VII-11b</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of  
 alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocycl;  
 R<sub>VII-5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, alkyl,  
 alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, aryl,  
 heteroaryl, heterocycl, alkoxy, alkenoxy, alkynoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy,  
 25 heterocycloxy, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkenylcarbonyloxyalkyl,  
 alkynylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, heteroarylcarbonyloxyalkyl,  
 heterocyclcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, aralkyl, heteroarylalkyl,  
 heterocyclalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkenyl, aralkenyl, heteroarylalkenyl,  
 heterocyclalkenyl, alkylthioalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkenylthioalkyl, alkynylthioalkyl,  
 30 arylthioalkyl, heteroarylthioalkyl, heterocyclthioalkyl, alkylthioalkenyl,  
 alkenylthioalkenyl, alkynylthioalkenyl, arylthioalkenyl, heteroarylthioalkenyl,  
 heterocyclthioalkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkenoxyalkyl, alkynoxylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl,  
 heteroaryloxyalkyl, heterocycloxyalkyl, alkoxyalkenyl, alkenoxyalkenyl,  
 alkynoxylalkenyl, aryloxyalkenyl, heteroaryloxyalkenyl, heterocycloxyalkenyl, cyano,

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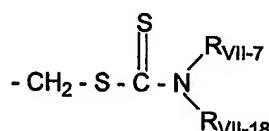
hydroxymethyl,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_{\text{VII-14}}$ , wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII-14}}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl;



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wherein  $R_{VII-15b}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydrogen, halogen, alkylthio, alkenylthio, alkynylthio, arylthio, heteroarylthio, heterocyclithio, alkoxy, alkenoxy, alkynoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, heterocycloxy, aroyloxy, and alkylsulfonyloxy, and

10  $R_{VII-16b}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, arylalkoxy, and trialkylsilyloxy:



15 wherein  $R_{VII-17}$  and  $R_{VII-18}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl;



20 wherein  $R_{VII-19}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl,  $-SR_{VII-20}$ ,  $-OR_{VII-21}$ , and  $-R_{VII-22}CO_2R_{VII-23}$ , wherein  $R_{VII-20}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkenyl, aminoalkynyl, aminoaryl, aminoheteroaryl, aminoheterocyclyl, alkylheteroaryl/amine, arylheteroaryl/amine.

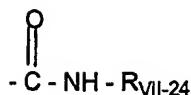
25 R<sub>71-21</sub> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl.

$R_{VII-22}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkylene or arylene, and

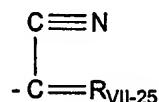
$R_{VII-23}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl;

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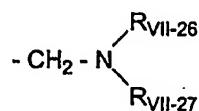


wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-24}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, and  
 5 aralkynyl;



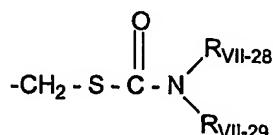
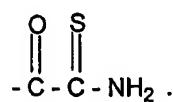
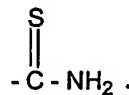
wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-25}$  is heterocyclidenyl;

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wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-26}$  and  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-27}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl;

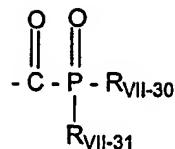
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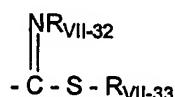
wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-28}$  and  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-29}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl;

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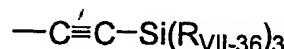
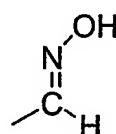
wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-30}$  and  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-31}$  are independently alkoxy, alkenoxy, alkynoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, and heterocycloxy; and

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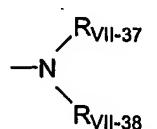
wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-32}$  and  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-33}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl;

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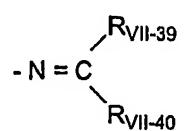
wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-36}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl;

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wherein  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-37}$  and  $\text{R}_{\text{VII}-38}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl;

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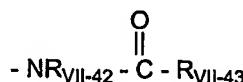
wherein  $R_{VII-39}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkoxy, alkenoxy, alkynoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, heterocyclyoxy, alkylthio, alkenylthio, alkynylthio, arylthio, heteroarylthio and heterocyclthio, and

- $R_{VII-40}$  is selected from the group consisting of haloalkyl, haloalkenyl,  
 5 haloalkynyl, haloaryl, haloheteroaryl, haloheterocycl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclalkoxy, heterocyclalkenoxy, heterocyclalkynoxy, alkylthio, alkenylthio, alkynylthio, arylthio, heteroarylthio and heterocyclthio;

$-N=R_{VII-41},$

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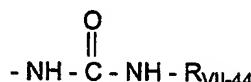
wherein  $R_{VII-41}$  is heterocyclidenyl;



- 15 wherein  $R_{VII-42}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocycl, and

$R_{VII-43}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, haloaryl, haloheteroaryl, and haloheterocycl;

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wherein  $R_{VII-44}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocycl;

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- $N = S = O;$
- $N = C = S;$
- $N = C = O;$
- $N_3;$
- $SR_{VII-45}$

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wherein  $R_{VII-45}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, haloaryl,

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- haloheteroaryl, haloheterocyclyl, heterocyclyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, aralkyl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocyclalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkenyl, aralkenyl, heteroarylalkenyl, heterocyclalkenyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkenylthioalkyl, alkynylthioalkyl, arylthioalkyl, heteroarylthioalkyl, heterocyclthioalkyl, alkylthioalkenyl,
- 5 alkenylthioalkenyl, alkynylthioalkenyl, arylthioalkenyl, heteroarylthioalkenyl, heterocyclthioalkenyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, aminocarbonylalkynyl, aminocarbonylaryl, aminocarbonylheteroaryl, and aminocarbonylheterocyclyl,

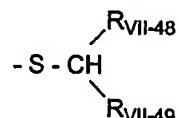
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$-SR_{VII-46}$ , and  $-CH_2R_{VII-47}$ ,

wherein  $R_{VII-46}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl, and

$R_{VII-47}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl; and

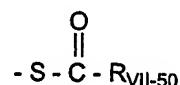
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wherein  $R_{VII-48}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl, and

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$R_{VII-49}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkoxy, alkenoxy, alkynoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, heterocycloxy, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, haloaryl, haloheteroaryl and haloheterocyclyl;



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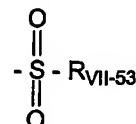
wherein  $R_{VII-50}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkoxy, alkenoxy, alkynoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy and heterocycloxy;

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wherein  $R_{VII-51}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, haloaryl, halo(heteroaryl) and halo(heterocyclyl); and



wherein  $R_{VII-53}$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl;

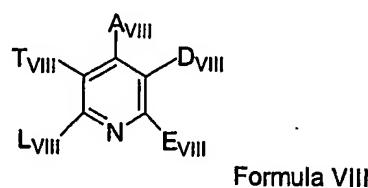
- provided that when  $R_{VII-5}$  is selected from the group consisting of
- 10 heterocyclylalkyl and heterocyclylalkenyl, the heterocyclyl radical of the corresponding heterocyclylalkyl or heterocyclylalkenyl is other than  $\delta$ -lactone; and
- provided that when  $R_{VII-4}$  is aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl, and one of  $R_{VII-2}$  and  $R_{VII-6}$  is trifluoromethyl, then the other of  $R_{VII-2}$  and  $R_{VII-6}$  is difluoromethyl.

Compounds of Formula VII are disclosed in WO 9941237-A1, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following compounds of Formula VII:

dimethyl 5,5'-dithiobis[2-difluoromethyl-4-(2-methylpropyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3-pyridine-carboxylate].

- 20 Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of substituted pyridines and biphenyls having the Formula VIII



- 25 and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof,  
in which

- $A_{VIII}$  stands for aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted up to 3 times in an identical manner or differently by halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, or by straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, or alkoxy with up to 7 carbon atoms each, or by a group of the formula

-NR<sub>VIII-1</sub>R<sub>VIII-2</sub>, wherein

- R<sub>VIII-1</sub> and R<sub>VIII-2</sub> are identical or different and denote hydrogen, phenyl, or
- 5 straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms,  
D<sub>VIII</sub> stands for straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, which  
is substituted by hydroxy,  
E<sub>VIII</sub> and L<sub>VIII</sub> are either identical or different and stand for straight-chain or  
branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by cycloalkyl
- 10 with 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or stands for cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or  
E<sub>VIII</sub> has the above-mentioned meaning and  
L<sub>VIII</sub> in this case stands for aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is optionally  
substituted up to 3 times in an identical manner or differently by halogen, hydroxy,  
trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, or by straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, or alkoxy
- 15 with up to 7 carbon atoms each, or by a group of the formula

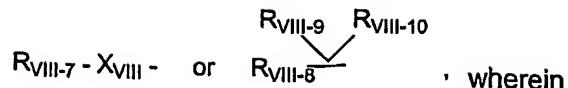
-NR<sub>VIII-3</sub>R<sub>VIII-4</sub>, wherein

- R<sub>VIII-3</sub> and R<sub>VIII-4</sub> are identical or different and have the meaning given above for
- 20 R<sub>VIII-1</sub> and R<sub>VIII-2</sub>, or  
E<sub>VIII</sub> stands for straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, or  
stands for aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted up to 3 times  
in an identical manner or differently by halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl,  
trifluoromethoxy, or by straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, or alkoxy with up to 7
- 25 carbon atoms each, or by a group of the formula

-NR<sub>VIII-5</sub>R<sub>VIII-6</sub>, wherein

- R<sub>VIII-5</sub> and R<sub>VIII-6</sub> are identical or different and have the meaning given above for
- 30 R<sub>VIII-1</sub> and R<sub>VIII-2</sub>, and  
L<sub>VIII</sub> in this case stands for straight-chain or branched alkoxy with up to 8 carbon  
atoms or for cycloalkyloxy with 3 to 8 carbon atoms,  
T<sub>VIII</sub> stands for a radical of the formula

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- $R_{VIII-7}$  and  $R_{VIII-8}$  are identical or different and denote cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms, or denote a 5- to 7-member aromatic, 5 optionally benzo-condensed, heterocyclic compound with up to 3 heteroatoms from the series S, N and/or O, which are optionally substituted up to 3 times in an identical manner or differently by trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, halogen, hydroxy, carboxyl, by straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, alkoxy, or alkoxy carbonyl with up to 6 carbon atoms each, or by phenyl, phenoxy, or thiophenyl, which can in turn be substituted by 10 halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoromethoxy, and/or the rings are substituted by a group of the formula

-NR<sub>VIII-11</sub>R<sub>VIII-12</sub>, wherein

- 15  $R_{VIII-11}$  and  $R_{VIII-12}$  are identical or different and have the meaning given above for  $R_{VIII-1}$  and  $R_{VIII-2}$ ,

$X_{VIII}$  denotes a straight or branched alkyl chain or alkenyl chain with 2 to 10 carbon atoms each, which are optionally substituted up to 2 times by hydroxy,

$R_{VIII-9}$  denotes hydrogen, and

- 20  $R_{VIII-10}$  denotes hydrogen, halogen, azido, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, mercapto, trifluoromethoxy, straight-chain or branched alkoxy with up to 5 carbon atoms, or a radical of the formula

-NR<sub>VIII-13</sub>R<sub>VIII-14</sub>, wherein

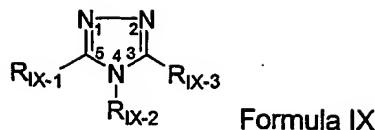
- 25  $R_{VIII-13}$  and  $R_{VIII-14}$  are identical or different and have the meaning given above for  $R_{VIII-1}$  and  $R_{VIII-2}$ , or

$R_{VIII-9}$  and  $R_{VIII-10}$  form a carbonyl group together with the carbon atom.

Compounds of Formula VIII are disclosed in WO 9804528, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

- 30 Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of substituted 1,2,4-triazoles having the Formula IX

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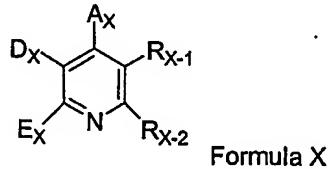
and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof;

- wherein  $R_{IX-1}$  is selected from higher alkyl, higher alkenyl, higher alkynyl, aryl,  
 5 aralkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, arylthioalkyl, and cycloalkylalkyl;  
 wherein  $R_{IX-2}$  is selected from aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkenyl,  
 wherein  
 $R_{IX-2}$  is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals  
 independently selected from alkyl, haloalkyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkoxy,  
 10 halo, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, aryl, aralkyl, aminosulfonyl, amino, monoalkylamino and  
 dialkylamino; and  
 wherein  $R_{IX-3}$  is selected from hydrido, -SH and halo;  
 provided  $R_{IX-2}$  cannot be phenyl or 4-methylphenyl when  $R_{IX-1}$  is higher alkyl and when  
 $R_{IX-3}$  is -SH.
- 15 Compounds of Formula IX are disclosed in WO 9914204, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.
- In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following compounds of Formula IX:
- 2,4-dihydro-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 20 2,4-dihydro-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(2-methylphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(3-methylphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 25 4-cyclohexyl-2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(3-pyridyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(2-ethoxyphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 30 4-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;

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- 4-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(2-methylthiophenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 4-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)-2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(2-naphthyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;
- 5        2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(1-naphthyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(3-methylthiophenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(4-methylthiophenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;
- 10      2,4-dihydro-4-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(2-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl)-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 4-(4-aminosulfonylphenyl)-2,4-dihydro-5-tridecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-5-dodecyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 2,4-dihydro-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-tetradecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;
- 15      2,4-dihydro-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-undecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione;  
 and  
 2,4-dihydro-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-pentadecyl-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione.
- Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention  
 consists of hetero-tetrahydroquinolines having the Formula X

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N-oxides of said compounds, and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof;  
 in which

- 25      Ax represents cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms or a 5- to 7-membered, saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, optionally benzo-condensed heterocyclic ring containing up to 3 heteroatoms from the series comprising S, N and/or O, that in case of a saturated heterocyclic ring is bonded to a nitrogen function, optionally bridged over it, and in which the aromatic systems mentioned above are optionally substituted
- 30      up to 5-times in an identical or different substituents in the form of halogen, nitro, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or by a straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxy each having up to 7 carbon atoms or by a group of the formula

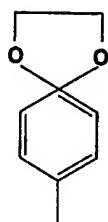
$-\text{NR}_{\text{X-3}}\text{R}_{\text{X-4}},$

in which

$\text{R}_{\text{X-3}}$  and  $\text{R}_{\text{X-4}}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen, phenyl or straight-

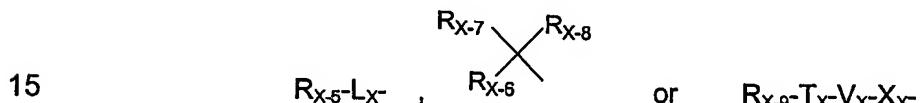
- 5 chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,  
or

$\text{A}_x$  represents a radical of the formula



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$\text{D}_x$  represents an aryl having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, that is optionally substituted by phenyl, nitro, halogen, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, or it represents a radical of the formula



in which

$\text{R}_{\text{X-5}}$ ,  $\text{R}_{\text{X-6}}$  and  $\text{R}_{\text{X-9}}$  independently of one another denote cycloalkyl having 3 to 6

carbon atoms, or an aryl having 6 to 10 carbon atoms or a 5- to 7-membered aromatic,

- 20 optionally benzo-condensed saturated or unsaturated, mono-, bi-, or tricyclic heterocyclic ring from the series consisting of S, N and/or O, in which the rings are substituted, optionally, in case of the nitrogen containing aromatic rings via the N function, with up to 5 identical or different substituents in the form of halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, hydroxy, cyano, carbonyl, trifluoromethoxy, straight straight-chain  
25 or branched acyl, alkyl, alkylthio, alkylalkoxy, alkoxy, or alkoxy carbonyl each having up to 6 carbon atoms, by aryl or trifluoromethyl-substituted aryl each having 6 to 10 carbon atoms or by an, optionally benzo-condensed, aromatic 5- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring having up to 3 heteroatoms from the series consisting of S, N, and/or O, and/or substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}_{\text{X-10}}$ ,  $-\text{SR}_{\text{X-11}}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{R}_{\text{X-12}}$  or  $-\text{NR}_{\text{X-13}}\text{R}_{\text{X-14}}$ ,  
30 in which

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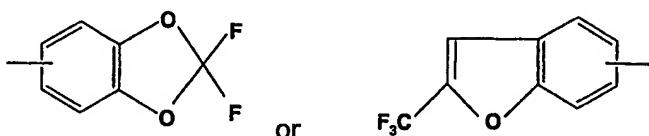
$R_{X-10}$ ,  $R_{X-11}$  and  $R_{X-12}$  independently from each other denote aryl having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is in turn substituted with up to 2 identical or different substituents in the form of phenyl, halogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,

5  $R_{X-13}$  and  $R_{X-14}$  are identical or different and have the meaning of  $R_{X-3}$  and  $R_{X-4}$  indicated above,

or

$R_{X-5}$  and/or  $R_{X-6}$  denote a radical of the formula

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$R_{X-7}$  denotes hydrogen or halogen, and

15  $R_{X-8}$  denotes hydrogen, halogen, azido, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, trifluoromethoxy, straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms or a radical of the formula  $-NR_{X-15}R_{X-16}$ , in which

$R_{X-15}$  and  $R_{X-16}$  are identical or different and have the meaning of  $R_{X-3}$  and  $R_{X-4}$  indicated above,

or

$R_{X-7}$  and  $R_{X-8}$  together form a radical of the formula  $=O$  or  $=NR_{X-17}$ ,

20 in which

$R_{X-17}$  denotes hydrogen or straight chain or branched alkyl, alkoxy or acyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,

$L_x$  denotes a straight chain or branched alkylene or alkenylene chain having up to 8 carbon atoms, that are optionally substituted with up to 2 hydroxy groups,

25  $T_x$  and  $X_x$  are identical or different and denote a straight chain or branched alkylene chain with up to 8 carbon atoms

or

$T_x$  or  $X_x$  denotes a bond,

$V_x$  represents an oxygen or sulfur atom or an  $-NR_{X-18}$ -group, in which

30  $R_{X-18}$  denotes hydrogen or straight chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms or phenyl,

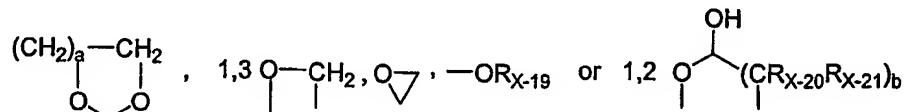
$E_x$  represents cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or straight chain or branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, that is optionally substituted by cycloalkyl with 3 to 8

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carbon atoms or hydroxy, or represents a phenyl, that is optionally substituted by halogen or trifluoromethyl,

$R_{X-1}$  and  $R_{X-2}$  together form a straight-chain or branched alkylene chain with up to 7 carbon atoms, that must be substituted by carbonyl group and/or by a radical with

5 the formula



in which a and b are identical or different and denote a number equaling 1,2, or 3,

- 10  $R_{X-19}$  denotes hydrogen, cycloalkyl with 3 up to 7 carbon atoms, straight chain or branched silylalkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms or straight chain or branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, that are optionally substituted by hydroxyl, straight chain or branched alkoxy with up to 6 carbon atoms or by phenyl, which in turn might be substituted by halogen, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or by phenyl or by
- 15 tetrazole-substituted phenyl, and alkyl, optionally be substituted by a group with the formula  $\text{-OR}_{X-22}$ ,
- in which

$R_{X-22}$  denotes a straight chain or branched acyl with up to 4 carbon atoms or benzyl,

- 20 or
- $R_{X-19}$  denotes straight chain or branched acyl with up to 20 carbon atoms or benzoyl, that is optionally substituted by halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro or trifluoromethoxy, or it denotes straight chain or branched fluoroacyl with up to 8 carbon atoms and 9 fluorine atoms,

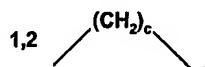
- 25  $R_{X-20}$  and  $R_{X-21}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen, phenyl or straight chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms,
- or

- $R_{X-20}$  and  $R_{X-21}$  together form a 3- to 6- membered carbocyclic ring, and the carbocyclic rings formed are optionally substituted, optionally also geminally, with up to 30 six identical or different substituents in the form of trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, nitrile, halogen, carboxyl, nitro, azido, cyano, cycloalkyl or cycloalkyloxy with 3 to 7 carbon atoms each, by straight chain or branched alkoxy carbonyl, alkoxy or alkylthio with up to 6 carbon atoms each or by straight chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms,

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- which in turn is substituted with up to 2 identically or differently by hydroxyl, benzyloxy, trifluoromethyl, benzoyl, straight chain or branched alkoxy, oxyacyl or carbonyl with up to 4 carbon atoms each and/or phenyl, which may in turn be substituted with a halogen, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, and/or the formed carbocyclic rings are optionally
- 5 substituted, also geminally, with up to 5 identical or different substituents in the form of phenyl, benzoyl, thiophenyl or sulfonylbenzyl, which in turn are optionally substituted by halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or nitro, and/or optionally are substituted by a radical with the formula

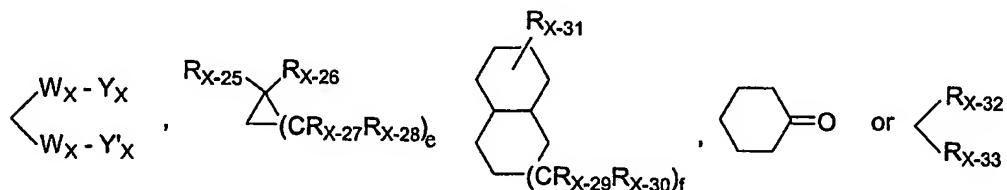
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-SO2-C6H5, -(CO)dNRx-23Rx-24 or =O,

in which

- 15 c denotes a number equaling 1, 2, 3, or 4,  
d denotes a number equaling 0 or 1,  
Rx-23 and Rx-24 are identical or different and denote hydrogen, cycloalkyl with 3 to 6 carbon atoms, straight chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl or phenyl, that is optionally substituted with up to 2 identically or differently by halogen,  
20 trifluoromethyl, cyano, phenyl or nitro, and/or the formed carbocyclic rings are substituted optionally by a spiro-linked radical with the formula



- 25 in which

- Wx denotes either an oxygen or a sulfur atom  
Yx and Y'x together form a 2 to 6 membered straight chain or branched alkylene chain,  
e denotes a number equaling 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7,  
30 f denotes a number equaling 1 or 2,

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$R_{X-25}$ ,  $R_{X-26}$ ,  $R_{X-27}$ ,  $R_{X-28}$ ,  $R_{X-29}$ ,  $R_{X-30}$  and  $R_{X-31}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen, trifluoromethyl, phenyl, halogen or straight chain or branched alkyl or alkoxy with up to 6 carbon atoms each,  
or

- 5  $R_{X-25}$  and  $R_{X-26}$  or  $R_{X-27}$  and  $R_{X-28}$  respectively form together a straight chain or branched alkyl chain with up to 6 carbon atoms,  
or

$R_{X-25}$  and  $R_{X-26}$  or  $R_{X-27}$  and  $R_{X-28}$  each together form a radical with the formula



in which

$W_x$  has the meaning given above,

$g$  denotes a number equaling 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7,

- 15  $R_{X-32}$  and  $R_{X-33}$  form together a 3- to 7- membered heterocycle, which contains an oxygen or sulfur atom or a group with the formula  $\text{SO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$  or  $\pi\text{-NR}_{X-34}$ , in which

$R_{X-34}$  denotes hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl or straight or branched alkyl with up to 4 carbon atoms.

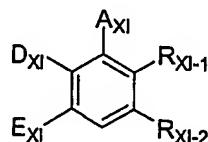
Compounds of Formula X are disclosed in WO 9914215, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

- 20 In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following compounds of Formula X:

2-cyclopentyl-5-hydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-4-(3-thienyl)-3-(4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline;

- 25 2-cyclopentyl-3-[fluoro-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl]-5-hydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-4-(3-thienyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline; and  
2-cyclopentyl-5-hydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-4-(3-thienyl)-3-(trifluoromethylbenzyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline.

- 30 Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of substituted tetrahydro naphthalines and analogous compounds having the Formula XI



Formula XI

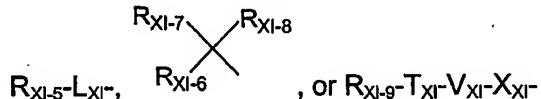
and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, in which

- $A_{XI}$  stands for cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or stands for aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms, or stands for a 5- to 7-membered, saturated, partially unsaturated or
- 5 unsaturated, possibly benzocondensated, heterocycle with up to 4 heteroatoms from the series S, N and/or O, where aryl and the heterocyclic ring systems mentioned above are substituted up to 5-fold, identical or different, by cyano, halogen, nitro, carboxyl, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoro- methoxy, or by straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxy carbonyl, oxyalkoxycarbonyl or alkoxy each
- 10 with up to 7 carbon atoms, or by a group of the formula

$-NR_{XI-3}R_{XI-4},$

in which

- $R_{XI-3}$  and  $R_{XI-4}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen, phenyl, or straight-  
15 chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms
- $D_{XI}$  stands for a radical of the formula



- 20 in which

- $R_{XI-5}$ ,  $R_{XI-6}$  and  $R_{XI-9}$ , independent of each other, denote cycloalkyl with 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or denote aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms, or denote a 5- to 7-membered, possibly benzocondensated, saturated or unsaturated, mono-, bi- or tricyclic heterocycle with up to 4 heteroatoms of the series S, N and/or O, where the cycles are
- 25 possibly substituted- in the case of the nitrogen-containing rings also via the N-function-up to 5-fold, identical or different, by halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, trifluoromethoxy, straight-chain or branched acyl, alkyl, alkylthio, alkylalkoxy, alkoxy or alkoxy carbonyl with up to 6 carbon atoms each. by aryl or trifluoromethyl substituted aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms each, or by a possibly
- 30 benzocondensated aromatic 5- to 7-membered heterocycle with up to 3 heteroatoms of the series S, N and/or O, and/or are substituted by a group of the formula

$-OR_{XI-10}$ ,  $-SR_{XI-11}$ ,  $-SO_2R_{XI-12}$  or  $-NR_{XI-13}R_{XI-14}$ ,

in which

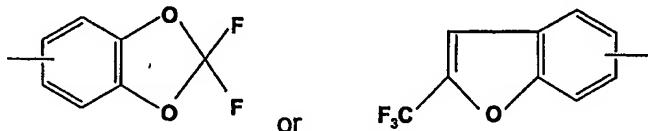
$R_{XI-10}$ ,  $R_{XI-11}$  and  $R_{XI-12}$ , independent of each other, denote aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which itself is substituted up to 2-fold, identical or different, by phenyl, halogen, or by straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms,

5  $R_{XI-13}$  and  $R_{XI-14}$  are identical or different and have the meaning given above for  $R_{XI-3}$  and  $R_{XI-4}$ ,

or

$R_{XI-5}$  and/or  $R_{XI-6}$  denote a radical of the formula

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$R_{XI-7}$  denotes hydrogen, halogen or methyl,  
and

15  $R_{XI-8}$  denotes hydrogen, halogen, azido, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, trifluoromethoxy, straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms each, or a radical of the formula  $-NR_{XI-15}R_{XI-16}$ ,  
in which

$R_{XI-15}$  and  $R_{XI-16}$  are identical or different and have the meaning given above for  $R_{XI-3}$  and  $R_{XI-4}$ ,

20 or

$R_{XI-7}$  and  $R_{XI-8}$  together form a radical of the formula  $=O$  or  $=NR_{XI-17}$ , in which

$R_{XI-17}$  denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl, alkoxy or acyl with up to 6 carbon atoms each,

25  $L_{XI}$  denotes a straight-chain or branched alkylene- or alkenylene chain with up to 8 carbon atoms each, which is possibly substituted up to 2-fold by hydroxy,

$T_{XI}$  and  $X_{XI}$  are identical or different and denote a straight-chain or branched alkylene chain with up to 8 carbon atoms,

or

$T_{XI}$  and  $X_{XI}$  denotes a bond,

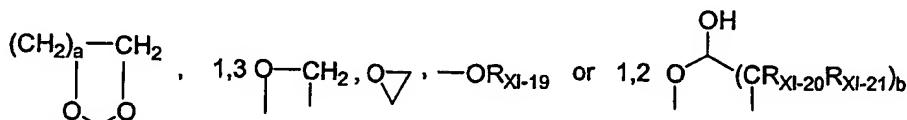
30  $V_{XI}$  stands for an oxygen- or sulfur atom or for an  $-NR_{XI-18}$  group,  
in which

$R_{XI-18}$  denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms, or phenyl,

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$E_X$  stands for cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or stands for straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, which is possibly substituted by cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms or hydroxy, or stands for phenyl, which is possibly substituted by halogen or trifluoromethyl,

- 5  $R_{X1-1}$  and  $R_{X1-2}$  together form a straight-chain or branched alkylene chain with up to 7 carbon atoms, which must be substituted by a carbonyl group and/or by a radical of the formula



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in which

a and b are identical or different and denote a number 1, 2 or 3

$R_{X1-19}$  denotes hydrogen, cycloalkyl with 3 to 7 carbon atoms, straight-chain or branched silylalkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, or straight-chain or branched alkyl with

- 15 up to 8 carbon atoms, which is possibly substituted by hydroxy, straight-chain or branched alkoxy with up to 6 carbon atoms, or by phenyl, which itself can be substituted by halogen, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or by phenyl substituted by phenyl or tetrazol, and alkyl is possibly substituted by a group of the formula

20 in which

$R_{X1-22}$  denotes straight-chain or branched acyl with up to 4 carbon atoms, or benzyl

or

25  $R_{xi-19}$  denotes straight-chain or branched acyl with up to 20 carbon atoms or benzoyl, which is possibly substituted by halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro or trifluoromethoxy, or denotes straight-chain or branched fluoroacyl with up to 8 carbon atoms and 9 fluorine atoms

$R_{XI-20}$  and  $R_{XI-21}$  are identical or different, denoting hydrogen, phenyl or straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms

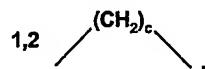
30 or

$R_{xi-20}$  and  $R_{xi-21}$  together form a 3- to 6-membered carbocycle, and, possibly also geminally, the alkylene chain formed by  $R_{xi-1}$  and  $R_{xi-2}$ , is possibly substituted up to 6-fold, identical or different, by trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, nitrile, halogen, carboxyl,

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nitro, azido, cyano, cycloalkyl or cycloalkyloxy with 3 to 7 carbon atoms each, by straight-chain or branched alkoxy carbonyl, alkoxy or alkoxythio with up to 6 carbon atoms each, or by straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms, which itself is substituted up to 2-fold, identical or different, by hydroxyl, benzyloxy,

- 5 trifluoromethyl, benzoyl, straight-chain or branched alkoxy, oxyacyl or carboxyl with up to 4 carbon atoms each, and/or phenyl- which itself can be substituted by halogen, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, and/or the alkylene chain formed by  $R_{XI-1}$  and  $R_{XI-2}$  is substituted, also geminally, possibly up to 5-fold, identical or different, by phenyl, benzoyl, thiophenyl or sulfobenzyl -which themselves are possibly substituted by
- 10 halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or nitro, and/or the alkylene chain formed by  $R_{XI-1}$  and  $R_{XI-2}$  is possibly substituted by a radical of the formula



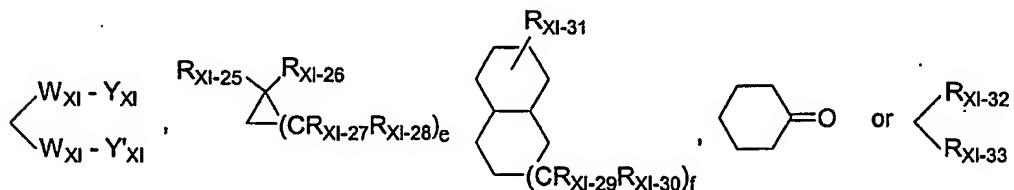
- 15  $-SO_2-C_6H_5$ ,  $-(CO)_dNR_{XI-23}R_{XI-24}$  or  $=O$ ,

in which

c denotes a number 1, 2, 3 or 4,

d denotes a number 0 or 1,

- 20  $R_{XI-23}$  and  $R_{XI-24}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen, cycloalkyl with 3 to 6 carbon atoms, straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl or phenyl, which is possibly substituted up to 2-fold, identical or different, by halogen, trifluoromethyl, cyano, phenyl or nitro, and/or the alkylene chain formed by  $R_{XI-1}$  and  $R_{XI-2}$  is possibly substituted by a spiro-jointed radical of the
- 25 formula



- 30 in which

$W_{XI}$  denotes either an oxygen or a sulfur atom,

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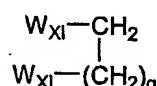
$Y_{xi}$  and  $Y'_{xi}$  together form a 2- to 6-membered straight-chain or branched alkylene chain,

e is a number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7,

f denotes a number 1 or 2,

5  $R_{xi-25}$ ,  $R_{xi-26}$ ,  $R_{xi-27}$ ,  $R_{xi-28}$ ,  $R_{xi-29}$ ,  $R_{xi-30}$  and  $R_{xi-31}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen, trifluoromethyl, phenyl, halogen, or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkoxy with up to 6 carbon atoms each,  
or

10  $R_{xi-25}$  and  $R_{xi-26}$  or  $R_{xi-27}$  and  $R_{xi-28}$  together form a straight-chain or branched alkyl chain with up to 6 carbon atoms,  
or  
 $R_{xi-25}$  and  $R_{xi-26}$  or  $R_{xi-27}$  and  $R_{xi-28}$  together form a radical of the formula



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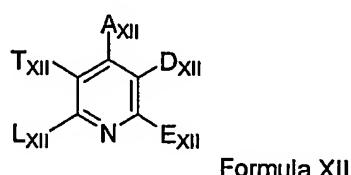
$W_{xi}$  has the meaning given above,

g is a number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7,

20  $R_{xi-32}$  and  $R_{xi-33}$  together form a 3- to 7-membered heterocycle that contains an oxygen- or sulfur atom or a group of the formula  $\text{SO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$  or  $-\text{NR}_{xi-34}$ ,  
in which  $R_{xi-34}$  denotes hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl, or straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 4 carbon atoms.

Compounds of Formula XI are disclosed in WO 9914174, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

25 Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of 2-aryl-substituted pyridines having the Formula XII



30 and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, in which

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$A_{XII}$  and  $E_{XII}$  are identical or different and stand for aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms which is possibly substituted, up to 5-fold identical or different, by halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro or by straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, hydroxy alkyl or alkoxy with up to 7 carbon atoms each, or by a group of the

5 formula  $-NR_{XII-1}R_{XII-2}$ ,

where

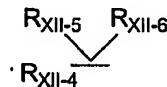
$R_{XII-1}$  and  $R_{XII-2}$  are identical or different and are meant to be hydrogen, phenyl or straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms,

D<sub>XII</sub> stands for straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, which  
10 is substituted by hydroxy,

L<sub>XII</sub> stands for cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms or for straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms, which is possibly substituted by cycloalkyl with 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or by hydroxy,

T<sub>XII</sub> stands for a radical of the formula  $R_{XII-3}-X_{XII}-$  or

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where

$R_{XII-3}$  and  $R_{XII-4}$  are identical or different and are meant to be cycloalkyl with 3 to  
20 8 carbon atoms, or aryl with 6 to 10 carbon atoms, or a 5- to 7-membered aromatic, possibly benzocondensated heterocycle with up to 3 heteroatoms from the series S, N and/or O, which are possibly substituted up to 3-fold identical or different, by trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, halogen, hydroxy, carboxyl, nitro, by straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, alkoxy or alkoxy carbonyl with up to 6 carbon atoms each or by  
25 phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio which in turn can be substituted by halogen trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, and/or where the cycles are possibly substituted by a group of the formula  $-NR_{XII-7}R_{XII-8}$ ,

where

$R_{XII-7}$  and  $R_{XII-8}$  are identical or different and have the meaning of  $R_{XII-1}$  and  $R_{XII-2}$   
30 given above,

X<sub>XII</sub> is a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl with 2 to 10 carbon atoms each, possibly substituted up to 2-fold by hydroxy or halogen,

R<sub>XII-5</sub> stands for hydrogen,

and

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$R_{XII-6}$  means to be hydrogen, halogen, mercapto, azido, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, trifluoromethoxy, straight-chain or branched alkoxy with up to 5 carbon atoms, or a radical of the formula  $-NR_{XII-9}R_{XII-10}$ ,  
where

5  $R_{XII-9}$  and  $R_{XII-10}$  are identical or different and have the meaning of  $R_{XII-1}$  and  $R_{XII-2}$  given above,

or

$R_{XII-5}$  and  $R_{XII-6}$ , together with the carbon atom, form a carbonyl group.

Compounds of Formula XII are disclosed in EP 796846-A1, the complete 10 disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

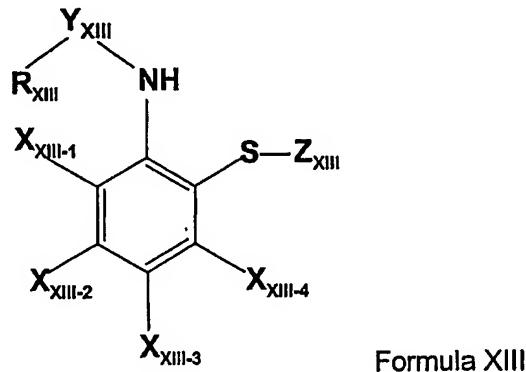
In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following compounds of Formula XII:

4,6-bis-(p-fluorophenyl)-2-isopropyl-3-[(p-trifluoromethylphenyl)-(fluoro)-methyl]-5-(1-hydroxyethyl)pyridine;

15 2,4-bis-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-5-[4-(trifluoromethylphenyl)-fluoromethyl]-3-hydroxymethyl)pyridine; and

2,4-bis-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-5-[2-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)viny]-3-hydroxymethyl)pyridine.

Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention 20 consists of compounds having the Formula XIII



and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, in which

25  $R_{XIII}$  is a straight chain or branched  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl; straight chain or branched  $C_{2-10}$  alkenyl; halogenated  $C_{1-4}$  lower alkyl;  $C_{3-10}$  cycloalkyl that may be substituted;  $C_{5-8}$  cycloalkenyl that may be substituted;  $C_{3-10}$  cycloalkyl  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl that may be substituted; aryl that may be substituted; aralkyl that may be substituted; or a 5- or 6-membered

heterocyclic group having 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms, oxygen atoms or sulfur atoms that may be substituted,

$X_{XIII-1}$ ,  $X_{XIII-2}$ ,  $X_{XIII-3}$ ,  $X_{XIII-4}$  may be the same or different and are a hydrogen atom; halogen atom;  $C_{1-4}$  lower alkyl; halogenated  $C_{1-4}$  lower alkyl;  $C_{1-4}$  lower alkoxy; cyano

5 group; nitro group; acyl; or aryl, respectively;

$Y_{XIII}$  is -CO-; or -SO<sub>2</sub>-; and

$Z_{XIII}$  is a hydrogen atom; or mercapto protective group.

Compounds of Formula XIII are disclosed in WO 98/35937, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

10 In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following compounds of Formula XIII:

$N,N'$ -(dithiodi-2,1-phenylene)bis[2,2-dimethyl-propanamide];

$N,N'$ -(dithiodi-2,1-phenylene)bis[1-methyl-cyclohexanecarboxamide];

$N,N'$ -(dithiodi-2,1-phenylene)bis[1-(3-methylbutyl)-cyclopentanecarboxamide];

15  $N,N'$ -(dithiodi-2,1-phenylene)bis[1-(3-methylbutyl)-cyclohexanecarboxamide];

$N,N'$ -(dithiodi-2,1-phenylene)bis[1-(2-ethylbutyl)-cyclohexanecarboxamide];

$N,N'$ -(dithiodi-2,1-phenylene)bis-tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]decane-1-carboxamide;

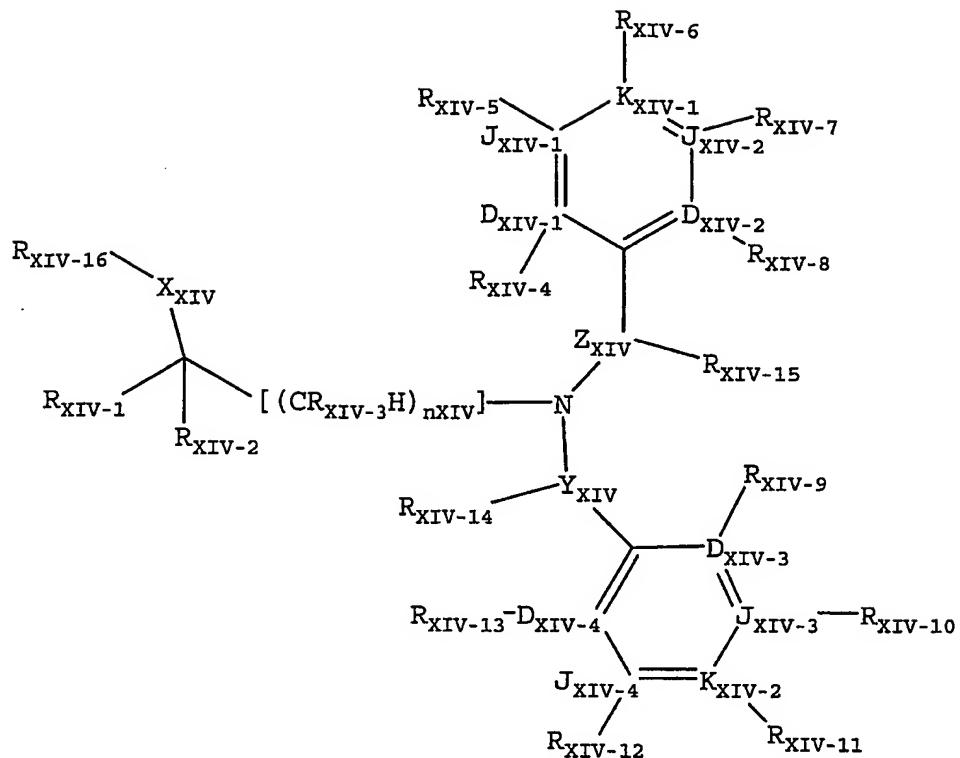
propanethioic acid, 2-methyl-, S-[2[[1-(2-ethylbutyl)cyclohexyl]carbonyl]amino]phenyl] ester;

20 propanethioic acid, 2,2-dimethyl-, S-[2-[[1-(2-ethylbutyl)cyclohexyl]carbonyl]amino]phenyl] ester; and

ethanethioic acid, S-[2-[[1-(2-ethylbutyl)cyclohexyl]carbonyl]amino]phenyl] ester.

Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention  
25 consists of polycyclic aryl and heteroaryl tertiary-heteroalkylamines having the  
Formula XIV

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Formula XIV

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and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, wherein:

$n_{XIV}$  is an integer selected from 0 through 5;

$R_{XIV-4}$  is selected from the group consisting of haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, and haloalkenyloxyalkyl;

10  $X_{XIV}$  is selected from the group consisting of O, H, F, S, S(O), NH, N(OH), N(alkyl), and N(alkoxy);

$R_{XIV-16}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, heteroaralkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinylalkyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl, cycloalkyl,

15 cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, halocycloalkyl, halocycloalkenyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkenyloxyalkyl, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, halocycloalkenyloxyalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloaralkyl, perhaloaryloxyalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, monocarboalkoxyalkyl, monocarboalkoxy, dicarboalkoxyalkyl, monocarboxamido, monocyanoalkyl,

20 dicyanoalkyl, carboalkoxycyanoalkyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl,

- dialkoxyphosphonoalkyl, trialkylsilyl, and a spacer selected from the group consisting of a covalent single bond and a linear spacer moiety having from 1 through 4 contiguous atoms linked to the point of bonding of an aromatic substituent selected from the group consisting of  $R_{XIV-4}$ ,  $R_{XIV-8}$ ,  $R_{XIV-9}$ , and  $R_{XIV-13}$  to form a heterocyclyl ring having from 5
- 5 through 10 contiguous members with the provisos that said spacer moiety is other than a covalent single bond when  $R_{XIV-2}$  is alkyl and there is no  $R_{XIV-16}$  wherein X is H or F;
- $D_{XIV-1}$ ,  $D_{XIV-2}$ ,  $J_{XIV-1}$ ,  $J_{XIV-2}$  and  $K_{XIV-1}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of C, N, O, S and a covalent bond with the provisos that no more than one of  $D_{XIV-1}$ ,  $D_{XIV-2}$ ,  $J_{XIV-1}$ ,  $J_{XIV-2}$  and  $K_{XIV-1}$  is a covalent bond, no more than one of  $D_{XIV-1}$ ,  $D_{XIV-2}$ ,
- 10 10  $J_{XIV-1}$ ,  $J_{XIV-2}$  and  $K_{XIV-1}$  is O, no more than one of  $D_{XIV-1}$ ,  $D_{XIV-2}$ ,  $J_{XIV-1}$ ,  $J_{XIV-2}$  and  $K_{XIV-1}$  is S, one of  $D_{XIV-1}$ ,  $D_{XIV-2}$ ,  $J_{XIV-1}$ ,  $J_{XIV-2}$  and  $K_{XIV-1}$  must be a covalent bond when two of  $D_{XIV-1}$ ,  $D_{XIV-2}$ ,  $J_{XIV-1}$ ,  $J_{XIV-2}$  and  $K_{XIV-1}$  are O and S, and no more than four of  $D_{XIV-1}$ ,  $D_{XIV-2}$ ,  $J_{XIV-1}$ ,  $J_{XIV-2}$  and  $K_{XIV-1}$  are N;
- $D_{XIV-3}$ ,  $D_{XIV-4}$ ,  $J_{XIV-3}$ ,  $J_{XIV-4}$  and  $K_{XIV-2}$  are independently selected from the group
- 15 consisting of C, N, O, S and a covalent bond with the provisos that no more than one of  $D_{XIV-3}$ ,  $D_{XIV-4}$ ,  $J_{XIV-3}$ ,  $J_{XIV-4}$  and  $K_{XIV-2}$  is a covalent bond, no more than one of  $D_{XIV-3}$ ,  $D_{XIV-4}$ ,  $J_{XIV-3}$ ,  $J_{XIV-4}$  and  $K_{XIV-2}$  is O, no more than one of  $D_{XIV-3}$ ,  $D_{XIV-4}$ ,  $J_{XIV-3}$ ,  $J_{XIV-4}$  and  $K_{XIV-2}$  is S, one of  $D_{XIV-3}$ ,  $D_{XIV-4}$ ,  $J_{XIV-3}$ ,  $J_{XIV-4}$  and  $K_{XIV-2}$  must be a covalent bond when two of  $D_{XIV-3}$ ,  $D_{XIV-4}$ ,  $J_{XIV-3}$ ,  $J_{XIV-4}$  and  $K_{XIV-2}$  are O and S, and no more than four of  $D_{XIV-3}$ ,  $D_{XIV-4}$ ,  $J_{XIV-3}$ ,
- 20 20  $J_{XIV-4}$  and  $K_{XIV-2}$  and  $K_{XIV-2}$  are N;
- $R_{XIV-2}$  is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrido, hydroxy, hydroxylalkyl, amino, aminoalkyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, aralkylthioalkyl, arylthioalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl,
- 25 25 cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, halocycloalkyl, halocycloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkenylalkyl, halocycloalkoxy, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, halocycloalkenylalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloaralkyl, perhaloaryloxyalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylthioalkyl, heteroaralkylthioalkyl, monocarboalkoxyalkyl, dicarboalkoxyalkyl, monocyanoalkyl, dicyanoalkyl, carboalkoxycyanoalkyl, alkylsulfinyl,
- 30 30 alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinylalkyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl, haloalkylsulfinyl, haloalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfinylalkyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonylalkyl, aralkylsulfinyl, aralkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfinyl, cycloalkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfinylalkyl, cycloalkylsulfonylalkyl, heteroarylalkylsulfinylalkyl, heteroarylalkylsulfinyl, heteroarylalkylsulfonyl, heteroarylalkylsulfinylalkyl, aralkylsulfinylalkyl, aralkylsulfonylalkyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxy,

carboxamide, carboxamidoalkyl, carboaralkoxy, dialkoxyphosphono, diaralkoxyphosphono, dialkoxyphosphonoalkyl, and diaralkoxyphosphonoalkyl;

$R_{XIV-2}$  and  $R_{XIV-3}$  are taken together to form a linear spacer moiety selected from the group consisting of a covalent single bond and a moiety having from 1 through 6 contiguous atoms to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkyl having from 3 through 8 contiguous members, a cycloalkenyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members, and a heterocyclyl having from 4 through 8 contiguous members;

- $R_{XIV-3}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, hydroxy, halo, cyano, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, acyl, sulfhydryl, acylamido, alkoxy, alkylthio, arylthio, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, heteroarylthio, aralkylthio, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinylalkyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, aralkylthioalkyl, heteroaralkylthioalkyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, arylthioalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, halocycloalkyl, halocycloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkenyloxyalkyl, halocycloalkoxy, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, halocycloalkenyloxyalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloaralkyl, perhaloaryloxyalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylthioalkyl, monocarboalkoxyalkyl, dicarboalkoxyalkyl, monocyanoalkyl, dicyanoalkyl, carboalkoxycyanoalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, haloalkylsulfinyl, haloalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfinylalkyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonylalkyl, aralkylsulfinyl, aralkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfinyl, cycloalkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfinylalkyl, cycloalkylsulfonylalkyl, heteroarylsulfonylalkyl, heteroarylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfinylalkyl, aralkylsulfinylalkyl, aralkylsulfonylalkyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxy, carboxamide, carboxamidoalkyl, carboaralkoxy, dialkoxyphosphono, diaralkoxyphosphono, dialkoxyphosphonoalkyl, and diaralkoxyphosphonoalkyl;

- $Y_{XIV}$  is selected from a group consisting of a covalent single bond,  $(C(R_{XIV-14})_2)_{qXIV}$  wherein  $q_{XIV}$  is an integer selected from 1 and 2 and  $(CH(R_{XIV-14}))_{pXIV}W_{XIV}(CH(R_{XIV-14}))_{pXIV}$  wherein  $q_{XIV}$  and  $p_{XIV}$  are integers independently selected from 0 and 1;
- $R_{XIV-14}$  is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrido, hydroxy, halo, cyano, aryloxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl, sulfhydryl, acylamido, alkoxy, alkylthio, arylthio, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkylalkoxy, alkylsulfinylalkyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl, aralkylthioalkyl, heteroaralkoxythioalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, arylthioalkyl, cycloalkyl,

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- 10 heteroarylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfinylalkyl, aralkylsulfinylalkyl, aralkylsulfonylalkyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxy, carboxamide, carboxamidoalkyl, carboaralkoxy, dialkoxyphosphono, diaralkoxyphosphono, dialkoxyphosphonoalkyl, diaralkoxyphosphonoalkyl, a spacer selected from a moiety having a chain length of 3 to 6 atoms connected to the point of bonding selected from the group consisting of
- 15  $R_{XIV-9}$  and  $R_{XIV-13}$  to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkenyl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous members and a heterocyclyl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous members and a spacer selected from a moiety having a chain length of 2 to 5 atoms connected to the point of bonding selected from the group consisting of  $R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-8}$  to form a heterocyclyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous
- 20 members with the proviso that, when  $Y_{XIV}$  is a covalent bond, an  $R_{XIV-14}$  substituent is not attached to  $Y_{XIV}$ ;
- $R_{XIV-14}$  and  $R_{XIV-14}$ , when bonded to the different atoms, are taken together to form a group selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, alkylene, haloalkylene, and a spacer selected from a group consisting of a moiety having a chain
- 25 length of 2 to 5 atoms connected to form a ring selected from the group of a saturated cycloalkyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members, a cycloalkenyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members, and a heterocyclyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members;
- $R_{XIV-14}$  and  $R_{XIV-14}$ , when bonded to the same atom are taken together to form a
- 30 group selected from the group consisting of oxo, thiono, alkylene, haloalkylene, and a spacer selected from the group consisting of a moiety having a chain length of 3 to 7 atoms connected to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkyl having from 4 through 8 contiguous members, a cycloalkenyl having from 4 through 8 contiguous members, and a heterocyclyl having from 4 through 8 contiguous members;

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$W_{XIV}$  is selected from the group consisting of O, C(O), C(S), C(O)N( $R_{XIV-14}$ ), C(S)N( $R_{XIV-14}$ ), ( $R_{XIV-14}$ )NC(O), ( $R_{XIV-14}$ )NC(S), S, S(O), S(O)<sub>2</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>N( $R_{XIV-14}$ ), ( $R_{XIV-14}$ )NS(O)<sub>2</sub>, and N( $R_{XIV-14}$ ) with the proviso that  $R_{XIV-14}$  is selected from other than halo and cyano;

- 5  $Z_{XIV}$  is independently selected from a group consisting of a covalent single bond,  $(C(R_{XIV-15}))_{q_{XIV-2}}$  wherein  $q_{XIV-2}$  is an integer selected from 1 and 2,  $(CH(R_{XIV-15}))_{j_{XIV}}-W-(CH(R_{XIV-15}))_{k_{XIV}}$  wherein  $j_{XIV}$  and  $k_{XIV}$  are integers independently selected from 0 and 1 with the proviso that, when  $Z_{XIV}$  is a covalent single bond, an  $R_{XIV-15}$  substituent is not attached to  $Z_{XIV}$ ;

10  $R_{XIV-15}$  is independently selected, when  $Z_{XIV}$  is  $(C(R_{XIV-15}))_{q_{XIV}}$  wherein  $q_{XIV}$  is an integer selected from 1 and 2, from the group consisting of hydrido, hydroxy, halo, cyano, aryloxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl, sulfhydryl, acylamido, alkoxy, alkylthio, arylthio, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinylalkyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl,

15 aralkylthioalkyl, heteroaralkylthioalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, arylthioalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, halocycloalkyl, halocycloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkenyloxyalkyl, halocycloalkoxy, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, halocycloalkenyloxyalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloaralkyl, perhaloaryloxyalkyl, heteroaryl,

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30 the group consisting of  $R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-8}$  to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkenyl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous members and a heterocyclyl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous members, and a spacer selected from a moiety having a chain length of 2 to 5 atoms connected to the point of bonding selected from the group consisting of  $R_{XIV-9}$  and  $R_{XIV-13}$  to form a heterocyclyl having

35 from 5 through 8 contiguous members;

- $R_{XIV-15}$  and  $R_{XIV-15}$ , when bonded to the different atoms, are taken together to form a group selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, alkylene, haloalkylene, and a spacer selected from a group consisting of a moiety having a chain length of 2 to 5 atoms connected to form a ring selected from the group of a saturated
- 5 cycloalkyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members, a cycloalkenyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members, and a heterocyclyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members;
- $R_{XIV-15}$  and  $R_{XIV-15}$ , when bonded to the same atom are taken together to form a group selected from the group consisting of oxo, thiono, alkylene, haloalkylene, and a
- 10 spacer selected from the group consisting of a moiety having a chain length of 3 to 7 atoms connected to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkyl having from 4 through 8 contiguous members, a cycloalkenyl having from 4 through 8 contiguous members, and a heterocyclyl having from 4 through 8 contiguous members;
- $R_{XIV-15}$  is independently selected, when  $Z_{XIV}$  is  $(CH(R_{XIV-15}))_{jXIV} - W - (CH(R_{XIV-15}))_{kXIV}$
- 15 wherein  $j_{XIV}$  and  $k_{XIV}$  are integers independently selected from 0 and 1, from the group consisting of hydrido, halo, cyano, aryloxy, carboxyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, hydroxyalkyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl, acylamido, alkoxy, alkylthio, arylthio, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, heteroaryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, heteroaralkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl, alkylsulfinylalkyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl,
- 20 arylthioalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, halocycloalkyl, halocycloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkenyloxyalkyl, halocycloalkoxy, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, halocycloalkenyloxyalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloaralkyl, perhaloaryloxyalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylthioalkyl, heteroaralkylthioalkyl, monocarboalkoxyalkyl,
- 25 dicarboalkoxyalkyl, monocyanooalkyl, dicyanoalkyl, carboalkoxycyanooalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, haloalkylsulfinyl, haloalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfinylalkyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonylalkyl, aralkylsulfinyl, aralkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfinyl, cycloalkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfinylalkyl, cycloalkylsulfonylalkyl, heteroarylalkylsulfinyl, heteroarylalkylsulfonyl, heteroarylalkylsulfinylalkyl, aralkylsulfinylalkyl,
- 30 aralkylsulfonylalkyl, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxy, carboxamide, carboxamidoalkyl, carboaralkoxy, dialkoxyphosphonoalkyl, diaralkoxyphosphonoalkyl, a spacer selected from a linear moiety having a chain length of 3 to 6 atoms connected to the point of bonding selected from the group consisting of  $R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-8}$  to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkenyl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous
- 35 members and a heterocyclyl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous members, and a

spacer selected from a linear moiety having a chain length of 2 to 5 atoms connected to the point of bonding selected from the group consisting of  $R_{XIV.9}$  and  $R_{XIV.13}$  to form a heterocycl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous members;

$R_{XIV.4}$ ,  $R_{XIV.5}$ ,  $R_{XIV.6}$ ,  $R_{XIV.7}$ ,  $R_{XIV.8}$ ,  $R_{XIV.9}$ ,  $R_{XIV.10}$ ,  $R_{XIV.11}$ ,  $R_{XIV.12}$ , and  $R_{XIV.13}$  are

- 5 independently selected from the group consisting of perhaloaryloxy, alkanoylalkyl, alkanoylalkoxy, alkanoyloxy, N-aryl-N-alkylamino, heterocyclalkoxy, heterocyclthio, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxamidoalkoxy, alkoxy carbonylalkoxy, alkoxy carbonylalkenyloxy, aralkanoylalkoxy, aralkenoyl, N-alkylcarboxamido, N-haloalkylcarboxamido, N-cycloalkylcarboxamido, N-arylcarboxamidoalkoxy, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cyanoalkoxy, heterocyclcarbonyl, hydrido, carboxy, heteroaralkylthio, heteroaralkoxy, cycloalkylamino, acylalkyl, acylalkoxy, aroylalkoxy, heterocycloxy, aralkylaryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, aralkynyl, heterocycl, perhaloaralkyl, aralkylsulfonyl, aralkylsulfonylalkyl, aralkylsulfinyl, aralkylsulfinylalkyl, halocycloalkyl, halocycloalkenyl, cycloalkylsulfinyl, cycloalkylsulfinylalkyl, cycloalkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfonylalkyl, heteroaryl amino, N-heteroaryl amino-N-alkylamino, heteroaryl aminoalkyl, haloalkylthio, alkanoyloxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxylalkyl, heteroaralkoxy, cycloalkoxy, cycloalkenyloxy, cycloalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxy, cycloalkenyoxyalkyl, cycloalkylenedioxy, halocycloalkoxy, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, halocycloalkenyoxy, halocycloalkenyoxyalkyl, hydroxy, amino, thio, nitro, lower alkylamino, alkylthio, alkylthioalkyl, arylamino, 20 aralkylamino, arylthio, arylthioalkyl, heteroaralkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfinylalkyl, arylsulfinylalkyl, arylsulfonylalkyl, heteroaryl sulfinylalkyl, heteroaryl sulfonylalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl, haloalkylsulfinylalkyl, haloalkylsulfonylalkyl, alkylsulfonamido, alkylaminosulfonyl, amidosulfonyl, monoalkyl, amidosulfonyl, dialkyl amidosulfonyl, monoaryl amidosulfonyl, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroaryl sulfinyl, heteroaryl sulfonyl, heterocyclsulfonyl, heterocyclthio, alkanoyl, alkenoyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, aralkanoyl, heteroaralkanoyl, haloalkanoyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyloxy, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkylenedioxy, haloalkylenedioxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkenyl, lower cycloalkylalkyl, lower cycloalkenylalkyl, halo, 30 haloalkyl; haloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyhaloalkyl, hydroxyaralkyl, hydroxyaikyl, hydroxyheteroaralkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl, heteroaralkynyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, aryloxyalkyl, saturated heterocycl, partially saturated heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaryloxyalkyl, arylalkenyl, heteroarylalkenyl, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxy, alkoxy carboxamido, alkylamidocarbonylamido, arylamidocarbonylamido, 35 carboalkoxyalkyl, carboalkoxyalkenyl, carboaralkoxy, carboxamido, carboxamidoalkyl,

cyano, carbohaloalkoxy, phosphono, phosphonoalkyl, diaralkoxyphosphono, and diaralkoxyphosphonoalkyl with the proviso that there are one to five non-hydrido ring substituents  $R_{XIV-4}$ ,  $R_{XIV-5}$ ,  $R_{XIV-6}$ ,  $R_{XIV-7}$ , and  $R_{XIV-8}$  present, that there are one to five non-hydrido ring substituents  $R_{XIV-9}$ ,  $R_{XIV-10}$ ,  $R_{XIV-11}$ ,  $R_{XIV-12}$ , and  $R_{XIV-13}$  present, and  $R_{XIV-4}$ ,

- 5  $R_{XIV-5}$ ,  $R_{XIV-6}$ ,  $R_{XIV-7}$ ,  $R_{XIV-8}$ ,  $R_{XIV-9}$ ,  $R_{XIV-10}$ ,  $R_{XIV-11}$ ,  $R_{XIV-12}$ , and  $R_{XIV-13}$  are each independently selected to maintain the tetravalent nature of carbon, trivalent nature of nitrogen, the divalent nature of sulfur, and the divalent nature of oxygen;

$R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-5}$ ,  $R_{XIV-5}$  and  $R_{XIV-6}$ ,  $R_{XIV-6}$  and  $R_{XIV-7}$ ,  $R_{XIV-7}$  and  $R_{XIV-8}$ ,  $R_{XIV-8}$  and

10  $R_{XIV-9}$ ,  $R_{XIV-9}$  and  $R_{XIV-10}$ ,  $R_{XIV-10}$  and  $R_{XIV-11}$ ,  $R_{XIV-11}$  and  $R_{XIV-12}$ , and  $R_{XIV-12}$  and  $R_{XIV-13}$  are

- 10 independently selected to form spacer pairs wherein a spacer pair is taken together to form a linear moiety having from 3 through 6 contiguous atoms connecting the points of bonding of said spacer pair members to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkenyl ring having 5 through 8 contiguous members, a partially saturated heterocyclcyl ring having 5 through 8 contiguous members, a heteroaryl ring having 5 through 6 contiguous members, and an aryl with the provisos that no more than one of the group consisting of spacer pairs  $R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-5}$ ,  $R_{XIV-5}$  and  $R_{XIV-6}$ ,  $R_{XIV-6}$  and  $R_{XIV-7}$ , and  $R_{XIV-7}$  and  $R_{XIV-8}$  are used at the same time and that no more than one of the group consisting of spacer pairs  $R_{XIV-9}$  and  $R_{XIV-10}$ ,  $R_{XIV-10}$  and  $R_{XIV-11}$ ,  $R_{XIV-11}$  and  $R_{XIV-12}$ , and  $R_{XIV-12}$  and  $R_{XIV-13}$  are used at the same time;

- 15 20  $R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-9}$ ,  $R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-13}$ ,  $R_{XIV-8}$  and  $R_{XIV-9}$ , and  $R_{XIV-8}$  and  $R_{XIV-13}$  are independently selected to form a spacer pair wherein said spacer pair is taken together to form a linear moiety wherein said linear moiety forms a ring selected from the group consisting of a partially saturated heterocyclcyl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous members and a heteroaryl ring having from 5 through 6 contiguous members with the proviso that no more than one of the group consisting of spacer pairs  $R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-9}$ ,  $R_{XIV-4}$  and  $R_{XIV-13}$ ,  $R_{XIV-8}$  and  $R_{XIV-9}$ , and  $R_{XIV-8}$  and  $R_{XIV-13}$  is used at the same time.

25 Compounds of Formula XIV are disclosed in WO 00/18721, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

- 30 In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following compounds of Formula XIV:

3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl]][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl]][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-( 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]- 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[3-( 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-( 1,1,2,2- tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]- 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-( 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]- 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 10 3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[3-( 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 15 3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2- tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-( 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-( 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 20 3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy) phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 25 3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-
- 30 trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;
- 3-[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propano;

- 3-[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

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- 3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-10 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]
- 20 amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]methoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]methoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]phenyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl) phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)
- 20 phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

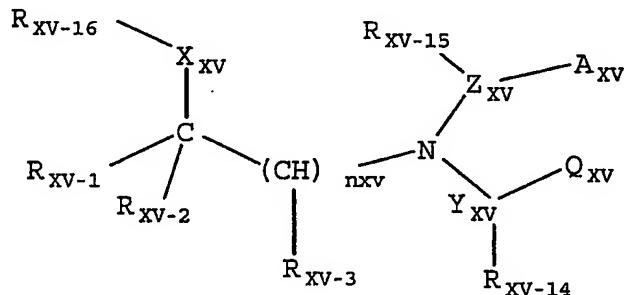
- 3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl]
- 10 amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]methoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]methoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]phenyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 3-[[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)-phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-methyl]phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methy]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 3-[[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-methyl]phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 3-[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[3,5-difluorophenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol; and
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol.
- 15 Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of substituted N-Aliphatic-N-Aromatic *tertiary*-Heteroalkylamines having the Formula XV



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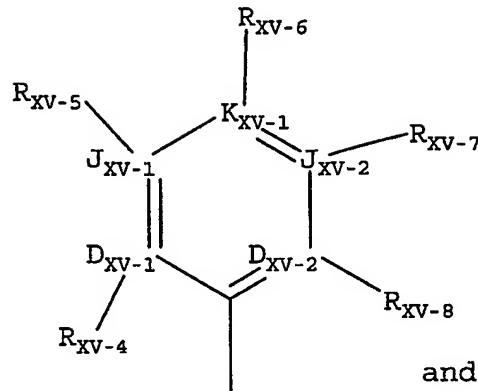
Formula XV

and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, wherein:

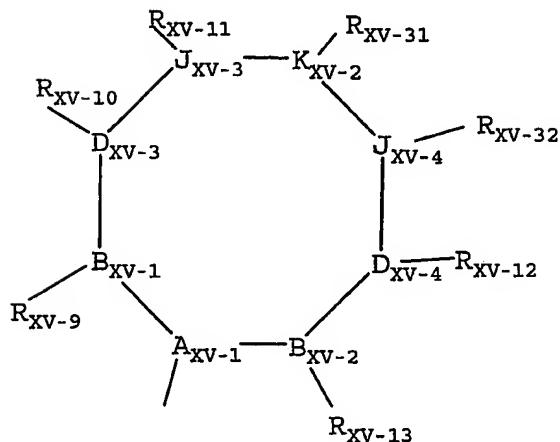
- $n_{XV}$  is an integer selected from 1 through 2;
- $A_{XV}$  and  $Q_{XV}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of
- 25  $-\text{CH}_2(\text{CR}_{XV-37}\text{R}_{XV-38})_{vXV}-(\text{CR}_{XV-33}\text{R}_{XV-34})_{uXV}-\text{T}_{XV}-(\text{CR}_{XV-35}\text{R}_{XV-36})_{wXV}\text{H}$ ,

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## AQ-1



## AQ-2



with the provisos that one of  $A_{XV}$  and  $Q_{XV}$  must be AQ-1 and that one of  $A_{XV}$  and  $Q_{XV}$  must be selected from the group consisting of AQ-2 and  $-\text{CH}_2(\text{CR}_{XV-37}\text{R}_{XV-38})_{vXV}-$   $(\text{CR}_{XV-33}\text{R}_{XV-34})_{uXV}-\text{T}_{XV}-(\text{CR}_{XV-35}\text{R}_{XV-36})_{wXV}-\text{H};$

5  $T_{XV}$  is selected from the group consisting of a single covalent bond, O, S, S(O), S(O)<sub>2</sub>, C(R<sub>XV-33</sub>)=C(R<sub>XV-35</sub>), and

$\text{C}\equiv\text{C};$

$v_{XV}$  is an integer selected from 0 through 1 with the proviso that  $v_{XV}$  is 1 when any one of R<sub>XV-33</sub>, R<sub>XV-34</sub>, R<sub>XV-35</sub>, and R<sub>XV-36</sub> is aryl or heteroaryl;

$u_{XV}$  and  $w_{XV}$  are integers independently selected from 0 through 6;

10  $A_{XV-1}$  is C(R<sub>XV-30</sub>);

- $D_{XV-1}$ ,  $D_{XV-2}$ ,  $J_{XV-1}$ ,  $J_{XV-2}$ , and  $K_{XV-1}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of C, N, O, S and a covalent bond with the provisos that no more than one of  $D_{XV-1}$ ,  $D_{XV-2}$ ,  $J_{XV-1}$ ,  $J_{XV-2}$ , and  $K_{XV-1}$  is a covalent bond, no more than one of  $D_{XV-1}$ ,  $D_{XV-2}$ ,  $J_{XV-1}$ ,  $J_{XV-2}$ , and  $K_{XV-1}$  is O, no more than one of  $D_{XV-1}$ ,  $D_{XV-2}$ ,  $J_{XV-1}$ ,  $J_{XV-2}$ , and  $K_{XV-1}$  is S, 5 one of  $D_{XV-1}$ ,  $D_{XV-2}$ ,  $J_{XV-1}$ ,  $J_{XV-2}$ , and  $K_{XV-1}$  must be a covalent bond when two of  $D_{XV-1}$ ,  $D_{XV-2}$ ,  $J_{XV-1}$ ,  $J_{XV-2}$ , and  $K_{XV-1}$  are O and S, and no more than four of  $D_{XV-1}$ ,  $D_{XV-2}$ ,  $J_{XV-1}$ ,  $J_{XV-2}$ , and  $K_{XV-1}$  are N;
- $B_{XV-1}$ ,  $B_{XV-2}$ ,  $D_{XV-3}$ ,  $D_{XV-4}$ ,  $J_{XV-3}$ ,  $J_{XV-4}$ , and  $K_{XV-2}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of C, C( $R_{XV-30}$ ), N, O, S and a covalent bond with the provisos that 10 no more than 5 of  $B_{XV-1}$ ,  $B_{XV-2}$ ,  $D_{XV-3}$ ,  $D_{XV-4}$ ,  $J_{XV-3}$ ,  $J_{XV-4}$ , and  $K_{XV-2}$  are a covalent bond, no more than two of  $B_{XV-1}$ ,  $B_{XV-2}$ ,  $D_{XV-3}$ ,  $D_{XV-4}$ ,  $J_{XV-3}$ ,  $J_{XV-4}$ , and  $K_{XV-2}$  are O, no more than two of  $B_{XV-1}$ ,  $B_{XV-2}$ ,  $D_{XV-3}$ ,  $D_{XV-4}$ ,  $J_{XV-3}$ ,  $J_{XV-4}$ , and  $K_{XV-2}$  are S, no more than two of  $B_{XV-1}$ ,  $B_{XV-2}$ ,  $D_{XV-3}$ ,  $D_{XV-4}$ ,  $J_{XV-3}$ ,  $J_{XV-4}$ , and  $K_{XV-2}$  are simultaneously O and S, and no more than two of  $B_{XV-1}$ ,  $B_{XV-2}$ ,  $D_{XV-3}$ ,  $D_{XV-4}$ ,  $J_{XV-3}$ ,  $J_{XV-4}$ , and  $K_{XV-2}$  are N;
- 15  $B_{XV-1}$  and  $D_{XV-3}$ ,  $D_{XV-3}$  and  $J_{XV-3}$ ,  $J_{XV-3}$  and  $K_{XV-2}$ ,  $K_{XV-2}$  and  $J_{XV-4}$ ,  $J_{XV-4}$  and  $D_{XV-4}$ , and  $D_{XV-4}$  and  $B_{XV-2}$  are independently selected to form an in-ring spacer pair wherein said spacer pair is selected from the group consisting of C( $R_{XV-33}$ )=C( $R_{XV-35}$ ) and N=N with the provisos that AQ-2 must be a ring of at least five contiguous members, that no more than two of the group of said spacer pairs are simultaneously 20 C( $R_{XV-33}$ )=C( $R_{XV-35}$ ) and that no more than one of the group of said spacer pairs can be N=N unless the other spacer pairs are other than C( $R_{XV-33}$ )=C( $R_{XV-35}$ ), O, N, and S;
- $R_{XV-1}$  is selected from the group consisting of haloalkyl and haloalkoxymethyl;
- $R_{XV-2}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, 25 haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxyalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloaralkyl, perhaloaryloxyalkyl and heteroaryl;
- $R_{XV-3}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, and haloalkoxyalkyl;
- $Y_{XV}$  is selected from the group consisting of a covalent single bond,  $(CH_2)_q$  wherein q is an integer selected from 1 through 2 and  $(CH_2)_j-O-(CH_2)_k$  wherein j and k 30 are integers independently selected from 0 through 1;
- $Z_{XV}$  is selected from the group consisting of covalent single bond,  $(CH_2)_q$  wherein q is an integer selected from 1 through 2, and  $(CH_2)_j-O-(CH_2)_k$  wherein j and k are integers independently selected from 0 through 1;
- 35  $R_{XV-4}$ ,  $R_{XV-8}$ ,  $R_{XV-9}$  and  $R_{XV-13}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrido, halo, haloalkyl, and alkyl;

$R_{XV-30}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, alkylthioalkyl, alkyl, alkenyl, haloalkoxy, and haloalkoxyalkyl with the proviso that  $R_{XV-30}$  is selected to maintain the tetravalent nature of carbon, trivalent nature of nitrogen, the divalent nature of sulfur, and the divalent

5 nature of oxygen;

- $R_{XV-30}$ , when bonded to  $A_{XV-1}$ , is taken together to form an intra-ring linear spacer connecting the  $A_{XV-1}$ -carbon at the point of attachment of  $R_{XV-30}$  to the point of bonding of a group selected from the group consisting of  $R_{XV-10}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$ , and  $R_{XV-32}$  wherein said intra-ring linear spacer is selected from the group consisting of a covalent
- 10 single bond and a spacer moiety having from 1 through 6 contiguous atoms to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkyl having from 3 through 10 contiguous members, a cycloalkenyl having from 5 through 10 contiguous members, and a heterocyclyl having from 5 through 10 contiguous members;

- $R_{XV-30}$ , when bonded to  $A_{XV-1}$ , is taken together to form an intra-ring branched
- 15 spacer connecting the  $A_{XV-1}$ -carbon at the point of attachment of  $R_{XV-30}$  to the points of bonding of each member of any one of substituent pairs selected from the group consisting of substituent pairs  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$  and  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$ , and  $R_{XV-32}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$  and wherein said intra-ring branched spacer is
- 20 selected to form two rings selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl having from 3 through 10 contiguous members, cycloalkenyl having from 5 through 10 contiguous members, and heterocyclyl having from 5 through 10 contiguous members;

- $R_{XV-4}$ ,  $R_{XV-5}$ ,  $R_{XV-6}$ ,  $R_{XV-7}$ ,  $R_{XV-8}$ ,  $R_{XV-9}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-13}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-33}$ ,  $R_{XV-34}$ ,  $R_{XV-35}$ , and  $R_{XV-36}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of
- 25 hydrido, carboxy, heteroaralkylthio, heteroaralkoxy, cycloalkylamino, acylalkyl, acylalkoxy, aroylalkoxy, heterocyclyloxy, aralkylaryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, aralkynyl, heterocyclyl, perhaloaralkyl, aralkylsulfonyl, aralkylsulfonylalkyl, aralkylsulfinyl, aralkylsulfinylalkyl, halocycloalkyl, halocycloalkenyl, cycloalkylsulfinyl, cycloalkylsulfinylalkyl, cycloalkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfonylalkyl, heteroarylarnino,
- 30 N-heteroarylarnino-N-alkylarnino, heteroarylarninoalkyl, haloalkylthio, alkanoyloxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxylalkyl, heteroaralkoxy, cycloalkoxy, cycloalkenyloxy, cycloalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxy, cycloalkenyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylenedioxy, halocycloalkoxy, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, halocycloalkenyloxy, halocycloalkenyloxyalkyl, hydroxy, amino, thio, nitro, lower alkylarnino, alkylthio, alkylthioalkyl, arylarnino,
- 35 aralkylarnino, arylthio, arylthioalkyl, heteroaralkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfinylalkyl,

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- arylsulfinylalkyl, arylsulfonylalkyl, heteroarylsulfinylalkyl, heteroarylsulfonylalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl, haloalkylsulfinylalkyl, haloalkylsulfonylalkyl, alkylsulfonamido, alkylaminosulfonyl, amidosulfonyl, monoalkyl amidosulfonyl, dialkyl amidosulfonyl, monoaryl amidosulfonyl, arylsulfonamido, diarylamidosulfonyl, monoalkyl
- 5 monoaryl amidosulfonyl, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroarylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, heterocyclsulfonyl, heterocyclthio, alkanoyl, alkenoyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, aralkanoyl, heteroaralkanoyl, haloalkanoyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyloxy, alkenyloxyalky, alkylenedioxy, haloalkylenedioxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkenyl, lower cycloalkylalkyl, lower cycloalkenylalkyl, halo,
- 10 haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyhaloalkyl, hydroxyaralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyheteroaralkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl, heteroaralkynyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, aryloxyalkyl, saturated heterocycl, partially saturated heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaryloxyalkyl, arylalkenyl, heteroarylalkenyl, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxy, alkoxycarboxamido, alkylamidocarbonylamido, alkylamidocarbonylamido,
- 15 carboalkoxyalkyl, carboalkoxyalkenyl, carboaralkoxy, carboxamido, carboxamidoalkyl, cyano, carbohaloalkoxy, phosphono, phosphonoalkyl, diaralkoxyphosphono, and diaralkoxyphosphonoalkyl with the provisos that  $R_{XV-4}$ ,  $R_{XV-5}$ ,  $R_{XV-6}$ ,  $R_{XV-7}$ ,  $R_{XV-8}$ ,  $R_{XV-9}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-13}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-33}$ ,  $R_{XV-34}$ ,  $R_{XV-35}$ , and  $R_{XV-36}$  are each independently selected to maintain the tetravalent nature of carbon, trivalent nature of
- 20 nitrogen, the divalent nature of sulfur, and the divalent nature of oxygen, that no more than three of the  $R_{XV-33}$  and  $R_{XV-34}$  substituents are simultaneously selected from other than the group consisting of hydrido and halo, and that no more than three of the  $R_{XV-35}$  and  $R_{XV-36}$  substituents are simultaneously selected from other than the group consisting of hydrido and halo;
- 25  $R_{XV-9}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-13}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$ , and  $R_{XV-32}$  are independently selected to be oxo with the provisos that  $B_{XV-1}$ ,  $B_{XV-2}$ ,  $D_{XV-3}$ ,  $D_{XV-4}$ ,  $J_{XV-3}$ ,  $J_{XV-4}$ , and  $K_{XV-2}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of C and S, no more than two of  $R_{XV-9}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-13}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$ , and  $R_{XV-32}$  are simultaneously oxo, and that  $R_{XV-9}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-13}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$ , and  $R_{XV-32}$  are each independently selected to
- 30 maintain the tetravalent nature of carbon, trivalent nature of nitrogen, the divalent nature of sulfur, and the divalent nature of oxygen;
- $R_{XV-4}$  and  $R_{XV-5}$ ,  $R_{XV-5}$  and  $R_{XV-6}$ ,  $R_{XV-6}$  and  $R_{XV-7}$ ,  $R_{XV-7}$  and  $R_{XV-8}$ ,  $R_{XV-8}$  and  $R_{XV-10}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$  and  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-32}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$ , and  $R_{XV-12}$  and  $R_{XV-13}$  are independently selected to form spacer pairs wherein a spacer pair is taken
- 35 together to form a linear moiety having from 3 through 6 contiguous atoms connecting

- the points of bonding of said spacer pair members to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkenyl ring having 5 through 8 contiguous members, a partially saturated heterocycl ring having 5 through 8 contiguous members, a heteroaryl ring having 5 through 6 contiguous members, and an aryl with the provisos
- 5 that no more than one of the group consisting of spacer pairs  $R_{XV-4}$  and  $R_{XV-5}$ ,  $R_{XV-5}$  and  $R_{XV-6}$ ,  $R_{XV-6}$  and  $R_{XV-7}$ ,  $R_{XV-7}$  and  $R_{XV-8}$  is used at the same time and that no more than one of the group consisting of spacer pairs  $R_{XV-9}$  and  $R_{XV-10}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$  and  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-31}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-32}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$ , and  $R_{XV-12}$  and  $R_{XV-13}$  are used at the same time;
- 10  $R_{XV-9}$  and  $R_{XV-11}$ ,  $R_{XV-9}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-9}$  and  $R_{XV-13}$   $R_{XV-9}$  and  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-9}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-13}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-10}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$  and  $R_{XV-12}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$  and  $R_{XV-13}$ ,  $R_{XV-11}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$ ,  $R_{XV-12}$  and  $R_{XV-31}$ ,  $R_{XV-13}$  and  $R_{XV-31}$ , and  $R_{XV-13}$  and  $R_{XV-32}$  are independently selected to form a spacer pair wherein said spacer pair is taken together to form a linear spacer moiety selected from the group consisting of a
- 15 covalent single bond and a moiety having from 1 through 3 contiguous atoms to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkyl having from 3 through 8 contiguous members, a cycloalkenyl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members, a saturated heterocycl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members and a partially saturated heterocycl having from 5 through 8 contiguous members with the provisos
- 20 that no more than one of said group of spacer pairs is used at the same time;
- $R_{XV-37}$  and  $R_{XV-38}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrido, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxy, amino, thio, halo, haloalkyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, alkylthioalkyl, cyano, alkyl, alkenyl, haloalkoxy, and haloalkoxyalkyl.
- 25 Compounds of Formula XV are disclosed in WO 00/18723, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.
- In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following compounds of Formula XV:
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl](cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-
- 30 2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl](cyclopentylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl](cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][(3-pentafluoroethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethoxy)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl](cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl](cyclopentylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl](cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][(3-pentafluoroethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethoxy)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl](cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl](cyclopentylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl](cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][(3-pentafluoroethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethoxy)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl](cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl](cyclopentylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl](cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-10 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][(3-pentafluoroethyl) cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethoxy) cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl](cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl](cyclopentylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-20 propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenny][(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-triflouro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][(3-pentafluoroethyl)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1 -trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethoxy)cyclohexyl-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)cyclohexyl-30 methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxybenzyloxy]phenyl](cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxybenzyloxy)phenyl](cyclopentylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxybenzyloxy)phenyl](cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxybenzyloxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethyl)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxybenzyloxy)phenyl][(3-pentafluoroethyl)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxybenzyloxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethoxy)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxybenzyloxy)phenyl][3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl](cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl][(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl](cyclopentylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl](cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethyl)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl][(3-pentafluoroethyl)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethoxy)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl][(3-trifluoromethoxy)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxy)phenyl][3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)cyclohexylmethyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl](cyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl](cyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl](cyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-
- 30 propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)methyl](cyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl](4-methylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

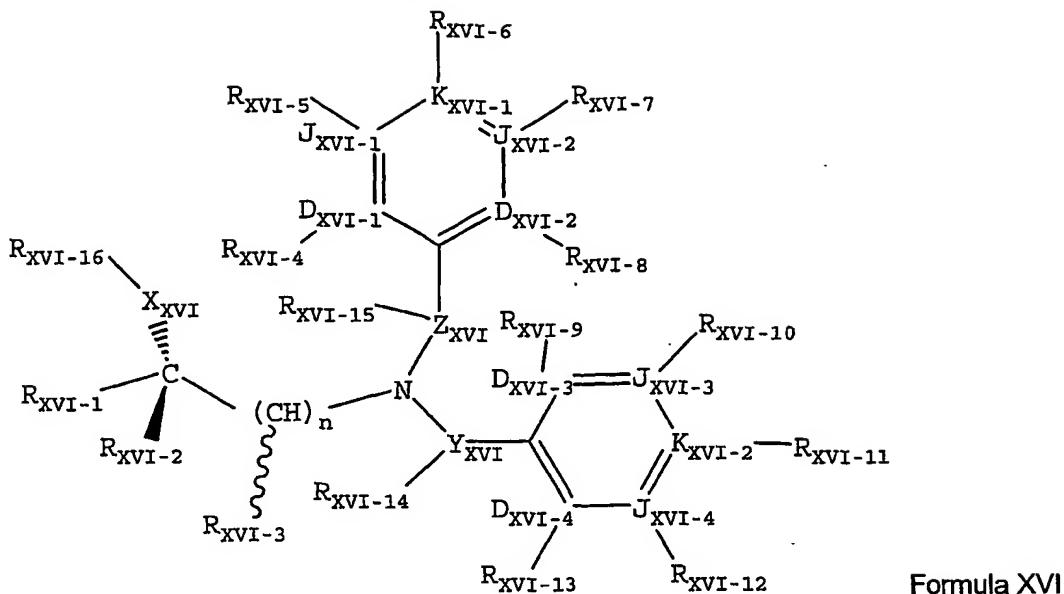
- 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl](4-methylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl](4-methylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[[(3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl](4-methylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-trifluoromethylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-trifluoromethylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl](3-trifluoromethylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl](3-trifluoromethylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)methyl](3-trifluoromethylcyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-phenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-phenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-phenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl](3-phenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)methyl](3-phenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-isopropoxycyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-isopropoxycyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl](3-isopropoxycyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl](3-isopropoxycyclohexyl)-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-cyclopentyloxycyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl](3-cyclopentyloxycyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl](3-cyclopentyloxycyclohexyl)amino]-10 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl](3-cyclopentyloxycyclohexyl)-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(2-trifluoromethyl)pyrid-6-yl]methyl](3-isopropoxycyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[[(2-trifluoromethyl)pyrid-6-yl]methyl](3-cyclopentyloxycyclohexyl)-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(2-trifluoromethyl)pyrid-6-yl]methyl](3-phenoxyycyclohexyl)amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(2-trifluoromethyl)pyrid-6-yl]methyl](3-trifluoromethylcyclohexyl)amino]-20 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(2-trifluoromethyl)pyrid-6-yl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(2-trifluoromethyl)pyrid-6-yl]methyl][3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)cyclohexyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 3-[[[(2-trifluoromethyl)pyrid-6-yl]methyl](3-pentafluoroethylcyclohexyl)-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(2-trifluoromethyl)pyrid-6-yl]methyl](3-trifluoromethoxycyclohexyl)-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)propyl]-amino]-30 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)propyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)propyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- 3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)-propyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)-2,2,-difluoropropyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)-2,2-difluoropropyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)-2,2-difluoropropyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)-2,2,-difluoropropyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 2,2,-difluoropropyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-(isopropoxy)propyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-(isopropoxy)propyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 3-[[[(3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-(isopropoxy)propyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 3-[[[(3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-(isopropoxy)propyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol; and
- 3-[[[(3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-(phenoxy)propyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol.
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Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of (R)-chiral halogenated 1-substituted amino-(n+l)-alkanols having the Formula XVI

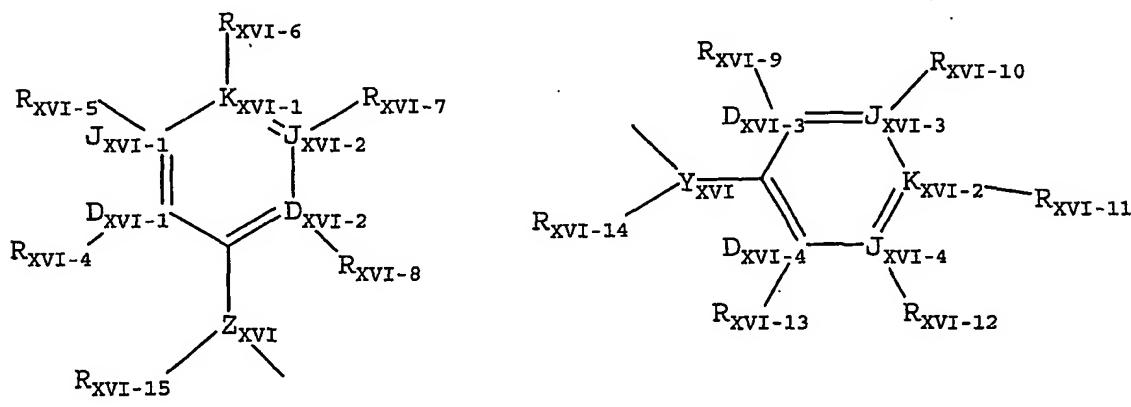
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and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, wherein:

- 5       $n_{XVI}$  is an integer selected from 1 through 4;  
 X<sub>XVI</sub> is oxy;  
 R<sub>XVI-1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxymethyl, and haloalkenyloxymethyl with the proviso that R<sub>XVI-1</sub> has a higher Cahn-Ingold-Prelog stereochemical system ranking than both R<sub>XVI-2</sub> and (CHR<sub>XVI-3</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-N(A<sub>XVI</sub>)Q<sub>XVI</sub> wherein A<sub>XVI</sub> is Formula XVI-(II) and Q is Formula XVI-(III);

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- R<sub>XVI-16</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, alkyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, trialkylsilyl, and a spacer selected from the group consisting of a covalent

single bond and a linear spacer moiety having a chain length of 1 to 4 atoms linked to the point of bonding of any aromatic substituent selected from the group consisting of  $R_{XVI-4}$ ,  $R_{XVI-8}$ ,  $R_{XVI-9}$ , and  $R_{XVI-13}$  to form a heterocycl ring having from 5 through 10 contiguous members;

- 5         $D_{XVI-1}$ ,  $D_{XVI-2}$ ,  $J_{XVI-1}$ ,  $J_{XVI-2}$  and  $K_{XVI-1}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of C, N, O, S and covalent bond with the provisos that no more than one of  $D_{XVI-1}$ ,  $D_{XVI-2}$ ,  $J_{XVI-1}$ ,  $J_{XVI-2}$  and  $K_{XVI-1}$  is a covalent bond, no more than one  $D_{XVI-1}$ ,  $D_{XVI-2}$ ,  $J_{XVI-1}$ ,  $J_{XVI-2}$  and  $K_{XVI-1}$  is O, no more than one of  $D_{XVI-1}$ ,  $D_{XVI-2}$ ,  $J_{XVI-1}$ ,  $J_{XVI-2}$  and  $K_{XVI-1}$  is S, one of  $D_{XVI-1}$ ,  $D_{XVI-2}$ ,  $J_{XVI-1}$ ,  $J_{XVI-2}$  and  $K_{XVI-1}$  must be a covalent bond when two of
- 10       $D_{XVI-1}$ ,  $D_{XVI-2}$ ,  $J_{XVI-1}$ ,  $J_{XVI-2}$  and  $K_{XVI-1}$  are O and S, and no more than four of  $D_{XVI-1}$ ,  $D_{XVI-2}$ ,  $J_{XVI-1}$ ,  $J_{XVI-2}$  and  $K_{XVI-1}$  is N;
- $D_{XVI-3}$ ,  $D_{XVI-4}$ ,  $J_{XVI-3}$ ,  $J_{XVI-4}$  and  $K_{XVI-2}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of C, N, O, S and covalent bond with the provisos that no more than one is a covalent bond, no more than one of  $D_{XVI-3}$ ,  $D_{XVI-4}$ ,  $J_{XVI-3}$ ,  $J_{XVI-4}$  and  $K_{XVI-2}$  is O, no more
- 15      than one of  $D_{XVI-3}$ ,  $D_{XVI-4}$ ,  $J_{XVI-3}$ ,  $J_{XVI-4}$  and  $K_{XVI-2}$  is S, no more than two of  $D_{XVI-3}$ ,  $D_{XVI-4}$ ,  $J_{XVI-3}$ ,  $J_{XVI-4}$  and  $K_{XVI-2}$  is O and S, one of  $D_{XVI-3}$ ,  $D_{XVI-4}$ ,  $J_{XVI-3}$ ,  $J_{XVI-4}$  and  $K_{XVI-2}$  must be a covalent bond when two of  $D_{XVI-3}$ ,  $D_{XVI-4}$ ,  $J_{XVI-3}$ ,  $J_{XVI-4}$  and  $K_{XVI-2}$  are O and S, and no more than four of  $D_{XVI-3}$ ,  $D_{XVI-4}$ ,  $J_{XVI-3}$ ,  $J_{XVI-4}$  and  $K_{XVI-2}$  are N;
- $R_{XVI-2}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, aryl, aralkyl, alkyl,
- 20      alkenyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, halocycloalkyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkenyloxyalkyl, halocycloalkoxy, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloaralkyl, perhaloaryloxyalkyl, heteroaryl, dicyanoalkyl, and carboalkoxycyanoalkyl, with the proviso that  $R_{XVI-2}$  has a lower Cahn-Ingold-Prelog system ranking than both  $R_{XVI-1}$  and  $(CHR_{XVI-3})_n-N(A_{XVI})Q_{XVI}$ ;
- 25       $R_{XVI-3}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, hydroxy, cyano, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, heteroaryl, alkenyloxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkenyloxyalkyl, monocyanoalkyl, dicyanoalkyl, carboxamide, and carboxamidoalkyl, with the provisos that  $(CHR_{XVI-3})_n-N(A_{XVI})Q_{XVI}$  has a lower Cahn-Ingold-Prelog stereochemical system ranking
- 30      than  $R_{XVI-1}$  and a higher Cahn-Ingold-Prelog stereochemical system ranking than  $R_{XVI-2}$ ;
- $Y_{XVI}$  is selected from a group consisting of a covalent single bond,  $(C(R_{XVI-14})_2)_q$  wherein q is an integer selected from 1 and 2 and  $(CH(R_{XVI-14}))_g-W_{XVI}-(CH(R_{XVI-14}))_p$  wherein g and p are integers independently selected from 0 and 1;
- $R_{XVI-14}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, hydroxy, cyano,
- 35      hydroxyalkyl, acyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl,

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haloalkoxy, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkenyloxyalkyl, monocarboalkoxyalkyl, monocyanoalkyl, dicyanoalkyl, carboalkoxycyanoalkyl, carboalkoxy, carboxamide, and carboxamidoalkyl;

- $Z_{XVI}$  is selected from a group consisting of a covalent single bond,  $(C(R_{XVI-15}))_q$ ,
- 5 wherein  $q$  is an integer selected from 1 and 2, and  $(CH(R_{XVI-15}))_j-W_{XVI}-(CH(R_{XVI-15}))_k$  wherein  $j$  and  $k$  are integers independently selected from 0 and 1;
- $W_{XVI}$  is selected from the group consisting of O, C(O), C(S), C(O)N( $R_{XVI-14}$ ), C(S)N( $R_{XVI-14}$ ), ( $R_{XVI-14}$ )NC(O), ( $R_{XVI-14}$ )NC(S), S, S(O), S(O)<sub>2</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>N( $R_{XVI-14}$ ), ( $R_{XVI-14}$ )NS(O)<sub>2</sub>, and N( $R_{XVI-14}$ ) with the proviso that  $R_{XVI-14}$  is other than cyano;
- 10  $R_{XVI-15}$  is selected, from the group consisting of hydrido, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, acyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkenyloxyalkyl, monocarboalkoxyalkyl, monocyanoalkyl, dicyanoalkyl, carboalkoxycyanoalkyl, carboalkoxy, carboxamide, and carboxamidoalkyl;
- 15  $R_{XVI-4}$ ,  $R_{XVI-5}$ ,  $R_{XVI-6}$ ,  $R_{XVI-7}$ ,  $R_{XVI-8}$ ,  $R_{XVI-9}$ ,  $R_{XVI-10}$ ,  $R_{XVI-11}$ ,  $R_{XVI-12}$ , and  $R_{XVI-13}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrido, carboxy, heteroaralkylthio, heteroaralkoxy, cycloalkylamino, acylalkyl, acylalkoxy, aroylalkoxy, heterocyclxy, aralkylaryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, aralkynyl, heterocyclyl, perhaloaralkyl, aralkylsulfonyl, aralkylsulfonylalkyl, aralkylsulfinyl, aralkylsulfinylalkyl, halocycloalkyl, halocycloalkenyl,
- 20 cycloalkylsulfinyl, cycloalkylsulfinylalkyl, cycloalkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylsulfonylalkyl, heteroarylarnino, N-heteroarylarnino-N-alkylarnino, heteroaralkyl, heteroarylarninoalkyl, haloalkylthio, alkanoyloxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxylalkyl, heteroaralkoxy, cycloalkoxy, cycloalkenyloxy, cycloalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxy, cycloalkenyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylenedioxy, halocycloalkoxy, halocycloalkoxyalkyl, halocycloalkenyloxy,
- 25 halocycloalkenyloxyalkyl, hydroxy, amino, thio, nitro, lower alkylarnino, alkylthio, alkylthioalkyl, arylarnino, aralkylarnino, arylthio, arylthioalkyl, heteroaralkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfinylalkyl, arylsulfinylalkyl, arylsulfonylalkyl, heteroarylulfnylalkyl, heteroarylulfnylalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonylalkyl, haloalkylsulfinylalkyl, haloalkylsulfonylalkyl, alkylsulfonamido, alkylaminosulfonyl, amidosulfonyl, monoalkyl
- 30 amidosulfonyl, dialkyl, amidosulfonyl, monoarylarnidosulfonyl, arylsulfonamido, diarylamidosulfonyl, monoalkyl monoaryl amidosulfonyl, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroarylulfnyl, heteroarylulfnyl, heterocyclsulfonyl, heterocyclthio, alkanoyl, alkenoyl, aroyl, heteroaroyl, aralkanoyl, heteroaralkanoyl, haloalkanoyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyloxy, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkylenedioxy,
- 35 haloalkylenedioxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkenyl, lower cycloalkylalkyl,

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- lower cycloalkenylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyhaloalkyl, hydroxyaralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyheteroaralkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl, heteroaralkynyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, aryloxyalkyl, saturated heterocycl, partially saturated heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaryloxyalkyl, arylalkenyl,
- 5 heteroarylalkenyl, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxy, alkoxycarboxamido, alkylamidocarbonylamido, arylamidocarbonylamido, carboalkoxyalkyl, carboalkoxyalkenyl, carboaralkoxy, carboxamido, carboxamidoalkyl, cyano, carbohaloalkoxy, phosphono, phosphonoalkyl, diaralkoxyphosphono, and diaralkoxyphosphonoalkyl with the proviso that  $R_{XVI-4}$ ,  $R_{XVI-5}$ ,  $R_{XVI-6}$ ,  $R_{XVI-7}$ ,  $R_{XVI-8}$ ,  $R_{XVI-9}$ ,
- 10  $R_{XVI-10}$ ,  $R_{XVI-11}$ ,  $R_{XVI-12}$ , and  $R_{XVI-13}$  are each independently selected to maintain the tetravalent nature of carbon, trivalent nature of nitrogen, the divalent nature of sulfur, and the divalent nature of oxygen;
- $R_{XVI-4}$  and  $R_{XVI-5}$ ,  $R_{XVI-5}$  and  $R_{XVI-6}$ ,  $R_{XVI-6}$  and  $R_{XVI-7}$ ,  $R_{XVI-7}$  and  $R_{XVI-8}$ ,  $R_{XVI-8}$  and  $R_{XVI-9}$  and  $R_{XVI-10}$ ,  $R_{XVI-10}$  and  $R_{XVI-11}$ ,  $R_{XVI-11}$  and  $R_{XVI-12}$ , and  $R_{XVI-12}$  and  $R_{XVI-13}$  are independently
- 15 selected to form spacer pairs wherein a spacer pair is taken together to form a linear moiety having from 3 through 6 contiguous atoms connecting the points of bonding of said spacer pair members to form a ring selected from the group consisting of a cycloalkenyl ring having 5 through 8 contiguous members, a partially saturated heterocycl ring having 5 through 8 contiguous members, a heteroaryl ring having 5
- 20 through 6 contiguous members, and an aryl with the provisos that no more than one of the group consisting of spacer pairs  $R_{XVI-4}$  and  $R_{XVI-5}$ ,  $R_{XVI-5}$  and  $R_{XVI-6}$ ,  $R_{XVI-6}$  and  $R_{XVI-7}$ , and  $R_{XVI-7}$  and  $R_{XVI-8}$  is used at the same time and that no more than one of the group consisting of spacer pairs  $R_{XVI-9}$  and  $R_{XVI-10}$ ,  $R_{XVI-10}$  and  $R_{XVI-11}$ ,  $R_{XVI-11}$  and  $R_{XVI-12}$ , and  $R_{XVI-12}$  and  $R_{XVI-13}$  can be used at the same time;
- 25  $R_{XVI-4}$  and  $R_{XVI-9}$ ,  $R_{XVI-4}$  and  $R_{XVI-13}$ ,  $R_{XVI-8}$  and  $R_{XVI-9}$ , and  $R_{XVI-8}$  and  $R_{XVI-13}$  is independently selected to form a spacer pair wherein said spacer pair is taken together to form a linear moiety wherein said linear moiety forms a ring selected from the group consisting of a partially saturated heterocycl ring having from 5 through 8 contiguous members and a heteroaryl ring having from 5 through 6 contiguous members with the
- 30 proviso that no more than one of the group consisting of spacer pairs  $R_{XVI-4}$  and  $R_{XVI-9}$ ,  $R_{XVI-4}$  and  $R_{XVI-13}$ ,  $R_{XVI-8}$  and  $R_{XVI-9}$ , and  $R_{XVI-8}$  and  $R_{XVI-13}$  is used at the same time.
- Compounds of Formula XVI are disclosed in WO 00/18724, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.
- In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following
- 35 compounds of Formula XVI:

- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 (2R)-3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 (2R)-3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 (2R)-3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- (2R)-3-[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]methoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]phenyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(pentafluoroethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 (2R)-3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
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- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
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- 20 (2R)-3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]methoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)phenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 (2R)-3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]methoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]phenyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-
- 30 (heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[3-(heptafluoropropyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 (2R)-3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
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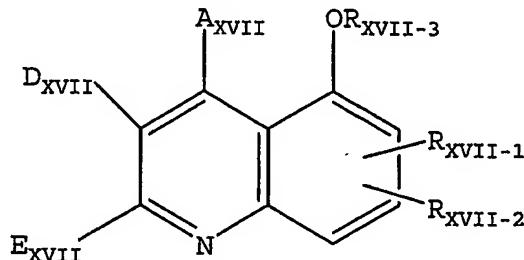
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- (2R)-3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino,phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxyl-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 (2R)-3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-isopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-cyclopropylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-(2-furyl)phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[3-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(pentafluoroethyl)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methyl]aminol-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-ethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 20 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-t-butylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-methylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]-amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 25 (2R)-3-[[3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(phenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-[3-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 30 (2R)-3-[[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (3R)-3-[[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;

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- (2R)-3-[[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-dimethylphenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3-(trifluoromethylthio)-phenyl]methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 5 (2R)-3-[[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[[3,5-difluorophenyl]-methoxy]phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl][3-[cyclohexylmethoxy]-phenyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(2-difluoromethoxy-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 10 (2R)-3-[[3-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-pyridyloxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- (2R)-3-[[3-(3-difluoromethoxyphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol;
- 15 (2R)-3-[[3-(3-trifluoromethylthio)phenoxy]phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol; and
- (2R)-3-[[3-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenyl][[2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-propanol.

Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention  
20 consists of quinolines of Formula XVII



Formula XVII

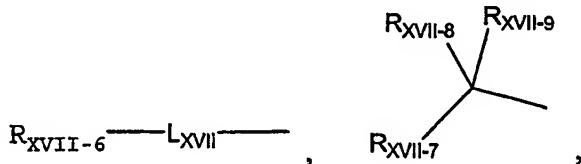
- 25 and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, wherein:  
A<sub>XVII</sub> denotes an aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted with up to five identical or different substituents in the form of a halogen, nitro, hydroxyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or a straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxy containing up to 7 carbon atoms each, or in the form of a  
30 group according to the formula -NR<sub>XVII-4</sub>R<sub>XVII-5</sub>, wherein

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$R_{XVII-4}$  and  $R_{XVII-5}$  are identical or different and denote a hydrogen, phenyl or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms,

$D_{XVII}$  denotes an aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted with a phenyl, nitro, halogen, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, or a radical

5 according to the formula



or  $R_{XVII-10}—T_{XVII}—V_{XVII}—X_{XVII}—$

wherein

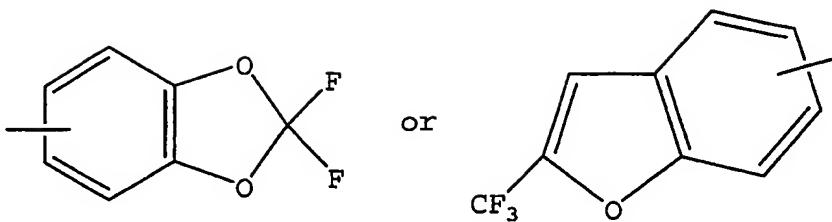
- $R_{XVII-6}$ ,  $R_{XVII-7}$ ,  $R_{XVII-10}$  denote, independently from one another, a cycloalkyl containing 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or an aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atom or a 5- to 7-membered, optionally benzo-condensed, saturated or unsaturated, mono-, bi- or tricyclic heterocycle containing up to 4 heteroatoms from the series of S, N and/or O, wherein the rings are optionally substituted, in the case of the nitrogen-containing rings also via the N function, with up to five identical or different substituents in the form of a halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, trifluoromethoxy, a straight-chain or branched acyl, alkyl, alkylthio, alkylalkoxy, alkoxy or alkoxy carbonyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms each, an aryl or trifluoromethyl-substituted aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atoms each, or an optionally benzo-condensed, aromatic 5- to 7-membered heterocycle containing up to 3 heteroatoms from the series of S, N and/or O, and/or in the form of a group according to the formula  $-OR_{XVII-11}$ ,  $-SR_{XVII-12}$ ,  $-SO_2R_{XVII-13}$ , or
- 15  $-NR_{XVII-14}R_{XVII-15}$ ;

20  $R_{XVII-11}$ ,  $R_{XVII-12}$ , and  $R_{XVII-13}$  denote, independently from one another, an aryl containing 6 to 10 carbon atoms, which is in turn substituted with up to two identical or different substituents in the form of a phenyl, halogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms,

25  $R_{XVII-14}$  and  $R_{XVII-15}$  are identical or different and have the meaning of  $R_{XVII-4}$  and  $R_{XVII-5}$  given above, or

$R_{XVII-6}$  and/or  $R_{XVII-7}$  denote a radical according to the formula

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$R_{XVII-8}$  denotes a hydrogen or halogen, and

$R_{XVII-9}$  denotes a hydrogen, halogen, azido, trifluoromethyl, hydroxyl,

- 5 trifluoromethoxy, a straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms each, or a radical according to the formula  $NR_{XVII-16}R_{XVII-17}$ ;

$R_{XVII-16}$  and  $R_{XVII-17}$  are identical or different and have the meaning of  $R_{XVII-4}$  and  $R_{XVII-5}$  above; or

$R_{XVII-8}$  and  $R_{XVII-9}$  together form a radical according to the formula  $=O$  or

- 10  $=NR_{XVII-18}$ ;

$R_{XVII-18}$  denotes a hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl, alkoxy or acyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms each;

$L_{XVII}$  denotes a straight-chain or branched alkylene or alkenylene chain containing up to 8 carbon atoms each, which are optionally substituted with up to two

- 15 hydroxyl groups;

$T_{XVII}$  and  $X_{XVII}$  are identical or different and denote a straight-chain or branched alkylene chain containing up to 8 carbon atoms; or

$T_{XVII}$  and  $X_{XVII}$  denotes a bond;

$V_{XVII}$  denotes an oxygen or sulfur atom or  $-NR_{XVII-19}$ ;

- 20  $R_{XVII-19}$  denotes a hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 6 carbon atoms or a phenyl;

$E_{XVII}$  denotes a cycloalkyl containing 3 to 8 carbon atoms, or a straight-chain or branched alkyl containing up to 8 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted with a cycloalkyl containing 3 to 8 carbon atoms or a hydroxyl, or a phenyl, which is optionally

- 25 substituted with a halogen or trifluoromethyl;

$R_{XVII-1}$  and  $R_{XVII-2}$  are identical or different and denote a cycloalkyl containing 3 to 8 carbon atoms, hydrogen, nitro, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, carboxy, hydroxy, cyano, a straight-chain or branched acyl, alkoxy carbonyl or alkoxy with up to 6 carbon atoms, or  $NR_{XVII-20}R_{XVII-21}$ ;

- 30  $R_{XVII-20}$  and  $R_{XVII-21}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen, phenyl, or a straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms; and or

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$R_{XVII-1}$  and/or  $R_{XVII-2}$  are straight-chain or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with halogen, trifluoromethoxy, hydroxy, or a straight-chain or branched alkoxy with up to 4 carbon atoms, aryl containing 6-10 carbon atoms optionally substituted with up to five of the same or different substituents selected from

- 5 halogen, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, straight-chain or branched alkyl, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy with up to 7 carbon atoms and  $NR_{XVII-22}R_{XVII-23}$ ;

$R_{XVII-22}$  and  $R_{XVII-23}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen, phenyl or a straight-chain or branched alkyl up to 6 carbon atoms; and/or

- 10  $R_{XVII-1}$  and  $R_{XVII-2}$  taken together form a straight-chain or branched alkene or alkane with up to 6 carbon atoms optionally substituted with halogen, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy or straight-chain or branched alkoxy with up to 5 carbon atoms;

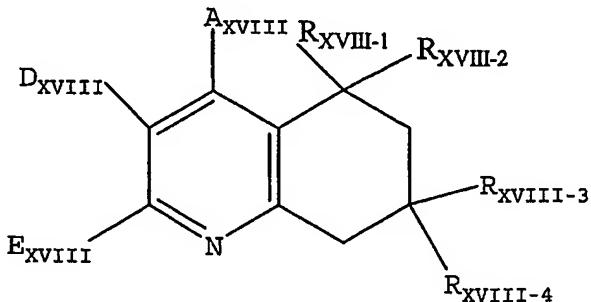
$R_{XVII-3}$  denotes hydrogen, a straight-chain or branched acyl with up to 20 carbon atoms, a benzoyl optionally substituted with halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro or

- 15 trifluoromethoxy, a straight-chained or branched fluoroacyl with up to 8 carbon atoms and 7 fluoro atoms, a cycloalkyl with 3 to 7 carbon atoms, a straight chained or branched alkyl with up to 8 carbon atoms optionally substituted with hydroxyl, a straight-chained or branched alkoxy with up to 6 carbon atoms optionally substituted with phenyl which may in turn be substituted with halogen, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, or phenyl or a tetrazol substituted phenyl, and/or an alkyl that is optionally substituted with a group according to the formula  $-OR_{XVII-24}$ ;

$R_{XVII-24}$  is a straight-chained or branched acyl with up to 4 carbon atoms or benzyl.

- Compounds of Formula XVII are disclosed in WO 98/39299, the entire disclosure is incorporated by reference.

Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention consists of 4-Phenyltetrahydroquinolines of Formula XVIII



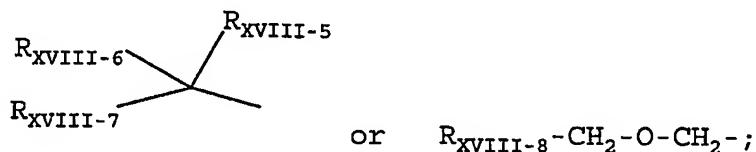
Formula XVIII

N oxides thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, wherein:

$A_{XVIII}$  denotes a phenyl optionally substituted with up to two identical or different substituents in the form of halogen, trifluoromethyl or a straight-chain or branched alkyl

5 or alkoxy containing up to three carbon atoms;

$D_{XVIII}$  denotes the formula



- 10       $R_{XVIII-5}$  and  $R_{XVIII-6}$  are taken together to form =O; or  
 $R_{XVIII-5}$  denotes hydrogen and  $R_{XVIII-6}$  denotes halogen or hydrogen; or  
 $R_{XVIII-5}$  and  $R_{XVIII-6}$  denote hydrogen;  
 $R_{XVIII-7}$  and  $R_{XVIII-8}$  are identical or different and denote phenyl, naphthyl,  
benzothiazolyl, quinolinyl, pyrimidyl or pyridyl with up to four identical or different  
15      substituents in the form of halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethoxy,  
 $-SO_2-CH_3$  or  $NR_{XVIII-9}R_{XVIII-10}$ ;

$R_{XVIII-9}$  and  $R_{XVIII-10}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen or a straight-  
chained or branched alkyl of up to three carbon atoms;

- 20       $E_{XVIII}$  denotes a cycloalkyl of from three to six carbon atoms or a straight-  
chained or branched alkyl of up to eight carbon atoms;

$R_{XVIII-1}$  denotes hydroxy;

$R_{XVIII-2}$  denotes hydrogen or methyl;

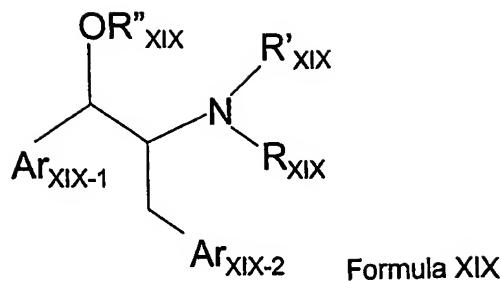
$R_{XVIII-3}$  and  $R_{XVIII-4}$  are identical or different and denote straight-chained or  
branched alkyl of up to three carbon atoms; or

- 25       $R_{XVIII-3}$  and  $R_{XVIII-4}$  taken together form an alkenylene made up of between two  
and four carbon atoms.

Compounds of Formula XVIII are disclosed in WO 99/15504, the entire  
disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

- Another class of CETP inhibitors that finds utility with the present invention  
30      consists of aminoethanol derivatives of Formula XIX

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and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof, wherein:

$\text{Ar}_{\text{viv}}$ , denotes an aromatic ring group that may contain a substituting group;

5  $\text{Ar}_{1,2}$  denotes an aromatic ring group that may contain a substituting group;

$R_{\text{vix}}$  denotes an acyl group;

$R'_{xix}$  denotes a hydrogen atom or hydrocarbon group that may contain a substituting group; and

$\text{OR''}_{\text{xx}}$  denotes a hydroxyl group that may be protected.

10 Compounds of Formula XIX are disclosed in WO 2002/059077, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is selected from the following compounds of Formula XIX or their salts:

### N-[1(RS,2SR)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]ethyl]-

6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cyclopentene-1-carboxamide,  
4-fluoro-N-((1R,2S)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-((4-  
(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)ethyl)-1-naphthalene carboxamide;

**N-[(1R,2S)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)benzyl]ethyl]-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cyclopentene-1-carboxamide;**

20 N-[(1RS,2SR)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)benzyl]ethyl]-5,6-dihydronaphthalene-1-carboxamide;

N-[(1*R*,2*S*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)benzyl]ethyl]-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5*H*-benzo[*a*]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;

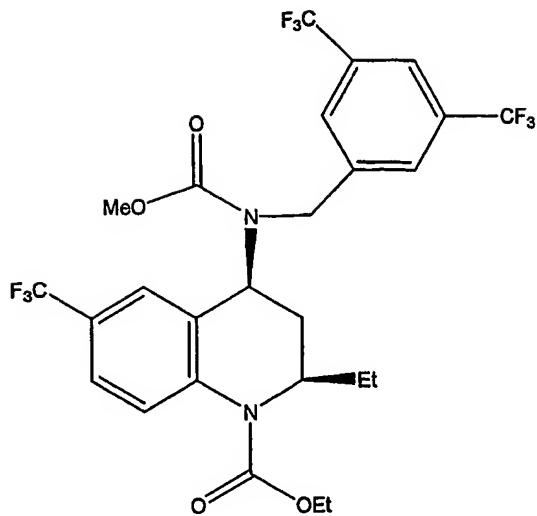
25 4-fluoro-N-[(1*R*,2*S*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)benzyl]ethyl]naphthalene-1-carboxamide;

N-[(1RS,2SR)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)benzyl]ethyl]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo[a]cyclooctene-1-carboxamide; N-[(1RS,2SR)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-isopropylbenzyl)ethyl]-6,7-

30 dihydro-5H-benzo[*a*]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;

- N-((1RS,2SR)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)ethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;
- 5 N-((1RS,2SR)-2-hydroxy-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)ethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;
- N-[(1RS,2SR)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)benzyl]ethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;
- 10 N-((1RS,2SR)-2-hydroxy-2-(4-phenyloxy)phenyl)-1-((3-((1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)oxy)phenyl)methyl)ethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;
- N-((1RS,2SR)-2-(4-((4-chloro-3-ethylphenyl)oxy)phenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-((3-((1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)oxy)phenyl)methyl)ethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;
- 15 N-((1RS,2SR)-2-(2-fluoropyridine-4-yl)-2-hydroxy-1-((3-((1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)methyl)ethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;
- N-((1RS,2RS)-2-(6-fluoropyridine-2-yl)-2-hydroxy-1-((3-((1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)methyl)ethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[a]cycloheptene-1-carboxamide;
- 20 N-[(1RS,2SR)-1-(4-tert-butylbenzyl)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl]-5-chloro-1-naphthoamide;
- 4-fluoro-N-((1RS,2SR)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-[(2,2,3,3-tetrafluoro-2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methyl]ethyl)-1-naphthoamide.
- 25 In a preferred embodiment, the CETP inhibitor is [2R,4S]-4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, also known as torcetrapib. Torcetrapib is shown by the following Formula

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- CETP inhibitors, in particular torcetrapib, and methods for preparing such compounds are disclosed in detail in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,197,786 and 6,313,142, 5 in PCT Application Nos. WO 01/40190A1, WO 02/088085A2, and WO 02/088069A2, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference. Torcetrapib has an unusually low solubility in aqueous environments such as the luminal fluid of the human GI tract. The aqueous solubility of torcetrapib is less than about 0.04 µg/ml. Torcetrapib must be presented to the GI tract in a solubility-enhanced form in order to 10 achieve a sufficient drug concentration in the GI tract in order to achieve sufficient absorption into the blood to elicit the desired therapeutic effect.

#### CONCENTRATION ENHANCEMENT

- The polymer used in the solid amorphous dispersion is a "concentration-enhancing polymer," meaning that it meets at least one, and preferably both, of the following conditions. The first condition is that the concentration-enhancing polymer increases the maximum drug concentration (MDC) of the CETP inhibitor provided by either the solid amorphous dispersion alone, or the dosage form, in the environment of use relative to a control composition. That is, once the solid amorphous dispersion or 15 dosage form is introduced into an environment of use, the polymer increases the aqueous concentration in the use environment of CETP inhibitor relative to the control composition. It is to be understood that the control composition is free from solubilizers or other components that would materially affect the solubility of the CETP inhibitor, and that the CETP inhibitor is in solid form in the control composition. The control 20 composition is conventionally the undispersed, or crystalline form, of the CETP inhibitor 25

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- alone. In the case of a dosage form, the control composition is the same as the dosage form, except that the solid amorphous dispersion is replaced by undispersed CETP inhibitor and no polymer, the amount of CETP inhibitor being equivalent to the amount in the solid amorphous dispersion. Preferably, the polymer increases the MDC 5 of the CETP inhibitor in the aqueous use environment by at least 1.25-fold relative to a control composition, more preferably by at least 2-fold, and most preferably by at least 3-fold. Surprisingly, the polymer may achieve extremely large enhancements in aqueous concentration. In some cases, the MDC of CETP inhibitor provided by the test composition is at least 10-fold, at least 50-fold, at least 200-fold, at least 500-fold, 10 to more than 1000-fold the equilibrium concentration provided by the control composition, where the test composition is either the solid amorphous dispersion or the dosage form.

The second condition is that the concentration-enhancing polymer increases the area under the concentration versus time curve (AUC) of the CETP 15 inhibitor in the environment of use relative to a control composition consisting of the undispersed CETP inhibitor but no polymer. (The calculation of an AUC is a well-known procedure in the pharmaceutical arts and is described, for example, in Welling, "Pharmacokinetics Processes and Mathematics," ACS Monograph 185 (1986).) More specifically, in the environment of use, the solid amorphous dispersion comprising the 20 CETP inhibitor and the concentration-enhancing polymer provides an AUC for any 90-minute period of from about 0 to about 270 minutes following introduction to the use environment that is at least 1.25-fold that of the control composition described above. Preferably, the AUC provided by the solid amorphous dispersion is at least 2-fold, more 25 preferably at least 3-fold that of the control composition. For some CETP inhibitors, the compositions of the present invention may provide an AUC value that is at least 5-fold, at least 25-fold, at least 100-fold, and even more than 250-fold that of a control composition as described above.

As previously mentioned, a "use environment" can be either the *in vivo* environment such as the GI tract of an animal, particularly a human, or the *in vitro* 30 environment of a test solution, such as phosphate buffered saline (PBS) solution or Model Fasted Duodenal (MFD) solution.

Concentration enhancement may be determined through either *in vivo* tests or through *in vitro* dissolution tests. A composition of the present invention meets the concentration enhancement criteria in at least one of the above test environments.

- Where the use environment is the GI tract of an animal, dissolved drug concentration may be determined by a conventional method known in the art. One method is a deconvolution method. In this method, the serum or plasma drug concentration is plotted along the ordinate (y-axis) against the blood sample time along the abscissa (x-axis). The data may then be analyzed to determine drug release rates in the GI tract using any conventional analysis, such as the Wagner-Nelson or Loo-Riegelman analysis. See also Welling, "Pharmacokinetics: Processes and Mathematics" (ACS Monograph 185, Amer. Chem. Soc., Washington, D.C., 1986). Treatment of the data in this manner yields an apparent *in vivo* drug release profile.
- 5 Another method is to intubate the patient and periodically sample the GI tract directly.
- 10 Another method is to intubate the patient and periodically sample the GI tract directly.

The solid amorphous dispersions of CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer used in the inventive dosage forms provide enhanced concentration of the dissolved CETP inhibitor in *in vitro* dissolution tests. It has been determined that enhanced drug concentration in *in vitro* dissolution tests in MFD solution or in PBS solution is a good indicator of *in vivo* performance and bioavailability. An appropriate PBS solution is an aqueous solution comprising 20 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 47 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 87 mM NaCl, and 0.2 mM KCl, adjusted to pH 6.5 with NaOH. An appropriate MFD solution is the same PBS solution wherein there is also present 7.3 mM sodium taurocholic acid and 1.4 mM of 1-palmitoyl-2-oleyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine. In particular, a composition formed by the inventive method can be dissolution-tested by adding it to MFD or PBS solution and agitating to promote dissolution.

An *in vitro* test to evaluate enhanced CETP inhibitor concentration in aqueous solution can be conducted by (1) adding with agitation a sufficient quantity of control composition, typically the undispersed CETP inhibitor alone, to the *in vitro* test medium, such as an MFD or a PBS solution, to achieve equilibrium concentration of the CETP inhibitor; (2) in a separate test, adding with agitation a sufficient quantity of test composition (e.g., the solid amorphous dispersion of CETP inhibitor and polymer or dosage form) in the same test medium, such that if all the CETP inhibitor dissolved, the theoretical concentration of CETP inhibitor would exceed the equilibrium concentration of the CETP inhibitor by a factor of at least 2, and preferably by a factor of at least 10; and (3) comparing the measured MDC and/or aqueous AUC of the test composition in the test medium with the equilibrium concentration, and/or with the aqueous AUC of the control composition. In conducting such a dissolution test, the amount of test composition or control composition used is an amount such that if all of

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the CETP inhibitor dissolved the CETP inhibitor concentration would be at least 2-fold, preferably at least 10-fold, and most preferably at least 100-fold that of the equilibrium concentration. Indeed, for some extremely insoluble CETP inhibitors, in order to identify the MDC achieved it may be necessary to use an amount of test composition 5 such that if all of the CETP inhibitor dissolved, the CETP inhibitor concentration would be 1000-fold or even more, that of the equilibrium concentration of the CETP inhibitor.

The concentration of dissolved CETP inhibitor is typically measured as a function of time by sampling the test medium and plotting CETP inhibitor concentration in the test medium vs. time so that the MDC can be ascertained. The MDC is taken to 10 be the maximum value of dissolved CETP inhibitor measured over the duration of the test. The aqueous AUC is calculated by integrating the concentration versus time curve over any 90-minute time period between the time of introduction of the composition into the aqueous use environment (when time equals zero) and 270 minutes following introduction to the use environment (when time equals 15 270 minutes). Typically, when the composition reaches its MDC rapidly, in say less than about 30 minutes, the time interval used to calculate AUC is from time equals zero to time equals 90 minutes. However, if the AUC of a composition over any 90-minute time period described above meets the criterion of this invention, then the composition formed is considered to be within the scope of this invention.

20 To avoid large drug particulates that would give an erroneous determination, the test solution is either filtered or centrifuged. "Dissolved drug" is typically taken as that material that either passes a 0.45 µm syringe filter or, alternatively, the material that remains in the supernatant following centrifugation. Filtration can be conducted using a 13 mm, 0.45 µm polyvinylidene difluoride syringe 25 filter sold by Scientific Resources under the trademark TITAN®. Centrifugation is typically carried out in a polypropylene microcentrifuge tube by centrifuging at 13,000 G for 60 seconds. Other similar filtration or centrifugation methods can be employed and useful results obtained. For example, using other types of microfilters may yield values somewhat higher or lower ( $\pm 10\text{--}40\%$ ) than that obtained with the filter specified above 30 but will still allow identification of preferred dispersions. It should be recognized that this definition of "dissolved drug" encompasses not only monomeric solvated drug molecules but also a wide range of species such as polymer/drug assemblies that have submicron dimensions such as drug aggregates, aggregates of mixtures of polymer and drug, micelles, polymeric micelles, colloidal particles or nanocrystals, polymer/drug

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complexes, and other such drug-containing species that are present in the filtrate or supernatant in the specified dissolution test.

- In another separate aspect, the solid amorphous dispersions, when dosed orally to a human or other animal in a fasted state, provides improved
- 5 concentration of dissolved CETP inhibitor in the blood relative to the control composition. The solid amorphous dispersion achieves a higher maximum drug concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) of the CETP inhibitor in the blood (serum or plasma) relative to a control composition consisting of an equivalent amount of crystalline drug in its lowest energy form, or amorphous form if the crystalline form is unknown. It is to be
- 10 understood that the control composition is free from solubilizers or other components that would materially affect the solubility of the CETP inhibitor. Preferably, the solid amorphous dispersion provides a  $C_{max}$  of CETP inhibitor in the blood that is at least 1.25-fold that provided by the control composition, more preferably by at least 2-fold, and most preferably by at least 3-fold.
- 15 Alternatively, the solid amorphous dispersions, when dosed orally to a human or other animal, provide an AUC in CETP inhibitor concentration in the blood that is at least about 1.25-fold, preferably at least about 2-fold, preferably at least about 3-fold, preferably at least about 4-fold, preferably at least about 6-fold, preferably at least 10-fold, and even more preferably at least about 20-fold that observed when a
- 20 control composition consisting of an equivalent quantity of undispersed CETP inhibitor is dosed. It is noted that such compositions can also be said to have a relative bioavailability of from about 1.25-fold to about 20-fold that of the control composition.
- Relative bioavailability of CETP Inhibitors in the solid amorphous dispersions or dosage forms can be tested *in vivo* in animals or humans using
- 25 conventional methods for making such a determination. An *in vivo* test, such as a crossover study, may be used to determine whether a composition of CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer provides an enhanced relative bioavailability compared with a control composition as described above. In an *in vivo* crossover study a test composition of a solid amorphous dispersion of a CETP inhibitor and polymer, or
- 30 dosage form, is dosed to half a group of test subjects and, after an appropriate washout period (e.g., one week) the same subjects are dosed with a control composition. The other half of the group is dosed with the control composition first, followed by the test composition. The relative bioavailability is measured as the concentration in the blood (serum or plasma) versus time area under the curve (AUC)
- 35 determined for the test group divided by the AUC in the blood provided by the control

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composition. Preferably, this test/control ratio is determined for each subject, and then the ratios are averaged over all subjects in the study. *In vivo* determinations of AUC can be made by plotting the serum or plasma concentration of drug along the ordinate (y-axis) against time along the abscissa (x-axis). To facilitate dosing, a dosing vehicle 5 may be used to administer the dose. The dosing vehicle is preferably water, but may also contain materials for suspending the test or control composition, provided these materials do not dissolve the composition or change the drug solubility *in vivo*.

#### PREPARATION OF DISPERSIONS

10 The solid amorphous dispersions of CETP inhibitor and neutral or neutralized acidic polymer may be made according to any conventional process for forming solid amorphous dispersions that results in at least a major portion (at least 60%) of the CETP inhibitor being in the amorphous state. Such processes include mechanical, thermal and solvent processes. Exemplary mechanical processes include 15 milling and extrusion; melt processes include high temperature fusion, solvent-modified fusion and melt-congeal processes; and solvent processes include non-solvent precipitation, spray-coating and spray-drying. See, for example, the following U.S. Patents, the pertinent disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference: Nos. 5,456,923 and 5,939,099, which describe forming dispersions by extrusion processes; 20 Nos. 5,340,591 and 4,673,564, which describe forming dispersions by milling processes; and Nos. 5,707,646 and 4,894,235, which describe forming dispersions by melt congeal processes.

When the CETP inhibitor has a relatively low melting point, typically less than about 200°C and preferably less than about 150°C, the use of a melt-congeal or 25 melt-extrusion process is advantageous. In such processes, a molten mixture comprising the CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer is rapidly cooled to solidify the molten mixture to form a solid amorphous dispersion. By "molten mixture" is meant that the mixture comprising the CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer is heated sufficiently that it becomes sufficiently fluid that the CETP 30 inhibitor substantially disperses in one or more of the concentration-enhancing polymers and other excipients. Generally, this requires that the mixture be heated to about 10°C or more above the melting point of the lowest melting excipient or CETP inhibitor in the composition. The CETP inhibitor may exist in the molten mixture as a pure phase, as a solution of CETP inhibitor homogeneously distributed throughout the 35 molten mixture, or any combination of these states or those states that lie intermediate

between them. The molten mixture is preferably substantially homogeneous so that the CETP inhibitor is dispersed as homogeneously as possible throughout the molten mixture. When the temperature of the molten mixture is below the melting point of both the CETP inhibitor and the concentration-enhancing polymer, the molten excipients, 5 concentration-enhancing polymer, and CETP inhibitor are preferably sufficiently soluble in each other that a substantial portion of the CETP inhibitor disperses in the concentration-enhancing polymer or excipients. It is often preferred that the mixture be heated above the lower of the melting points of the concentration-enhancing polymer and the CETP inhibitor. It should be noted that many concentration-enhancing 10 polymers are amorphous. In such cases, melting point refers to the softening point of the polymer. Thus, although the term "melting point" generally refers specifically to the temperature at which a crystalline material transitions from its crystalline to its liquid state, as used herein, the term is used more broadly, referring to the heating of any material or mixture of materials sufficiently that it becomes fluid in a manner similar to a 15 crystalline material in the fluid state.

Generally, the processing temperature may vary from 50°C up to about 200°C or higher, depending on the melting point of the CETP inhibitor and polymer, the latter being a function of the polymer grade selected. However, the processing temperature should not be so high that an unacceptable level of degradation of the 20 CETP inhibitor or polymer occurs. In some cases, the molten mixture should be formed under an inert atmosphere to prevent degradation of the CETP inhibitor and/or polymer at the processing temperature. When relatively high temperatures are used, it is often preferable to minimize the time that the mixture is at the elevated temperature to minimize degradation.

25 The molten mixture may also include an excipient that will reduce the melting temperature of the molten mixture, thereby allowing processing at a lower temperature. When such excipients have low volatility and substantially remain in the mixture upon solidification, they generally can comprise up to 30 wt% of the molten mixture. For example, a plasticizer may be added to the mixture to reduce the melting 30 temperature of the polymer. Examples of plasticizers include water, triethylcitrate, triacetin, and dibutyl sebacate. Volatile agents that dissolve or swell the polymer, such as acetone, water, methanol and ethyl acetate, may also be added to reduce the melting point of the molten mixture. When such volatile excipients are added, at least a portion, up to essentially all of such excipients may evaporate in the process of or 35 following conversion of the molten mixture to a solid mixture. In such cases, the

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processing may be considered to be a combination of solvent processing and melt-congealing or melt-extrusion. Removal of such volatile excipients from the molten mixture can be accomplished by breaking up or atomizing the molten mixture into small droplets and contacting the droplets with a fluid so that the droplets both cool and lose 5 all or part of the volatile excipient. Examples of other excipients that can be added to the mixture to reduce the processing temperature include low molecular weight polymers or oligomers, such as polyethylene glycol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and poloxamers; fats and oils, including mono-, di-, and triglycerides; natural and synthetic waxes, such as Carnauba wax, beeswax, microcrystalline wax, castor wax, and 10 paraffin wax; long chain alcohols, such as cetyl alcohol and stearyl alcohol; and long chain fatty acids, such as stearic acid. As mentioned above, when the excipient added is volatile, it may be removed from the mixture while still molten or following solidification to form the solid amorphous dispersion.

Virtually any process may be used to form the molten mixture. One 15 method involves melting the concentration-enhancing polymer in a vessel and then adding the CETP inhibitor to the molten polymer. Another method involves melting the CETP inhibitor in a vessel and then adding the concentration-enhancing polymer. In yet another method, a solid blend of the CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer may be added to a vessel and the blend heated to form the molten mixture.

20 Once the molten mixture is formed, it may be mixed to ensure the CETP inhibitor is homogeneously distributed throughout the molten mixture. Such mixing may be done using mechanical means, such as overhead mixers, magnetically driven mixers and stir bars, planetary mixers, and homogenizers. Optionally, when the molten mixture is formed in a vessel, the contents of the vessel can be pumped out of the 25 vessel and through an in-line or static mixer and then returned to the vessel. The amount of shear used to mix the molten mixture should be sufficiently high to ensure uniform distribution of the CETP inhibitor in the molten mixture. The molten mixture can be mixed from a few minutes to several hours, the mixing time depending on the viscosity of the mixture and the solubility of the CETP inhibitor and the presence of 30 optional excipients in the concentration-enhancing polymer.

Yet another method of preparing the molten mixture is to use two vessels, melting the CETP inhibitor in the first vessel and the concentration-enhancing polymer in a second vessel. The two melts are then pumped through an in-line static mixer or extruder to produce the molten mixture that is then rapidly solidified.

- Still another method of preparing the molten mixture is by the use of an extruder, such as a single-screw or twin-screw extruder, both well known in the art. In such devices, a solid feed of the composition is fed to the extruder, whereby the combination of heat and shear forces produce a uniformly mixed molten mixture, which
- 5 can then be rapidly solidified to form the solid amorphous dispersion. The solid feed can be prepared using methods well known in the art for obtaining solid mixtures with high content uniformity. Alternatively, the extruder may be equipped with two feeders, allowing the CETP inhibitor to be fed to the extruder through one feeder and the polymer through the other. Other excipients to reduce the processing temperature as
- 10 described above may be included in the solid feed, or in the case of liquid excipients, such as water, may be injected into the extruder using methods well known in the art.

The extruder should be designed so that it produces a molten mixture with the CETP inhibitor uniformly distributed throughout the composition. Various zones in the extruder should be heated to appropriate temperatures to obtain the

15 desired extrudate temperature as well as the desired degree of mixing or shear, using procedures well known in the art.

When the CETP inhibitor has a high solubility in the concentration-enhancing polymer, a lower amount of mechanical energy will be required to form the solid amorphous dispersion. In the case where the melting point of the undispersed

20 CETP inhibitor is greater than the melting point of the undispersed concentration-enhancing polymer, the processing temperature may be below the melting temperature of the undispersed CETP inhibitor but greater than the melting point of the polymer, since the CETP inhibitor will dissolve into the molten polymer. When the melting point of the undispersed CETP inhibitor is less than the melting point of the undispersed

25 concentration-enhancing polymer, the processing temperature may be above the melting point of the undispersed CETP inhibitor but below the melting point of the undispersed concentration-enhancing polymer since the molten CETP inhibitor will dissolve in or be absorbed into the polymer.

When the CETP inhibitor has a low solubility in the polymer, a higher

30 amount of mechanical energy may be required to form the solid amorphous dispersion. Here, the processing temperature may need to be above the melting point of the CETP inhibitor and the polymer. As mentioned above, alternatively, a liquid or low-melting point excipient may be added that promotes melting or the mutual solubility of the concentration-enhancing polymer and a CETP inhibitor. A high amount of mechanical

35 energy may also be needed to mix the CETP inhibitor and the polymer to form a

dispersion. Typically, the lowest processing temperature and an extruder design that imparts the lowest amount of mechanical energy, *i.e.*, shear, that produces a satisfactory dispersion (substantially amorphous and substantially homogeneous) is chosen in order to minimize the exposure of the CETP inhibitor to harsh conditions.

5 Once the molten mixture of CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer is formed, the mixture should be rapidly solidified to form the solid amorphous dispersion. By "rapidly solidified" is meant that the molten mixture is solidified sufficiently fast that substantial phase separation of the CETP inhibitor and polymer does not occur. Typically, this means that the mixture should be solidified in less than 10 about 10 minutes, preferably less than about 5 minutes and more preferably less than about 1 minute. If the mixture is not rapidly solidified, phase separation can occur, resulting in the formation of CETP inhibitor-rich and polymer-rich phases.

Solidification often takes place primarily by cooling the molten mixture to at least about 10°C and preferably at least about 30°C below its melting point. As 15 mentioned above, solidification can be additionally promoted by evaporation of all or part of one or more volatile excipients or solvents. To promote rapid cooling and evaporation of volatile excipients, the molten mixture is often formed into a high surface area shape such as a rod or fiber or droplets. For example, the molten mixture can be forced through one or more small holes to form long thin fibers or rods or may be fed to 20 a device, such as an atomizer such as a rotating disk, that breaks the molten mixture up into droplets from 1 µm to 1 cm in diameter. The droplets are then contacted with a relatively cool fluid such as air or nitrogen to promote cooling and evaporation.

A useful tool for evaluating and selecting conditions for forming substantially homogeneous, substantially amorphous dispersions via a melt-congeal or 25 melt-extrusion process is the differential scanning calorimeter (DSC). While the rate at which samples can be heated and cooled in a DSC is limited, it does allow for precise control of the thermal history of a sample. For example, the CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer may be dry-blended and then placed into the DSC sample pan. The DSC can then be programmed to heat the sample at the desired 30 rate, hold the sample at the desired temperature for a desired time, and then rapidly cool the sample to ambient or lower temperature. The sample can then be re-analyzed on the DSC to verify that it was transformed into a substantially homogeneous, substantially amorphous dispersion (*i.e.*, the sample has a single Tg). Using this procedure, the temperature and time required to achieve a substantially homogeneous,

substantially amorphous dispersion for a given CETP inhibitor and concentration-enhancing polymer can be determined.

- Another method for forming solid amorphous dispersions is by "solvent processing," which consists of dissolution of the CETP inhibitor and one or more polymers in a common solvent. "Common" here means that the solvent, which can be a mixture of compounds, will dissolve both the CETP inhibitor and the polymer(s). After both the CETP inhibitor and the polymer have been dissolved, the solvent is rapidly removed by evaporation or by mixing with a non-solvent. Exemplary processes are spray-drying, spray-coating (pan-coating, fluidized bed coating, etc.), and precipitation by rapid mixing of the polymer and CETP inhibitor solution with CO<sub>2</sub>, water, or some other non-solvent. Preferably, removal of the solvent results in the formation of a substantially homogeneous, solid amorphous dispersion. In such dispersions, the CETP inhibitor is dispersed as homogeneously as possible throughout the polymer and can be thought of as a solid solution of CETP inhibitor dispersed in the polymer(s), wherein the solid amorphous dispersion is thermodynamically stable, meaning that the concentration of CETP inhibitor in the polymer is at or below its equilibrium value, or it may be considered to be a supersaturated solid solution where the CETP inhibitor concentration in the concentration-enhancing polymer(s) is above its equilibrium value.
- The solvent may be removed by spray-drying. The term "spray-drying" is used conventionally and broadly refers to processes involving breaking up liquid mixtures into small droplets (atomization) and rapidly removing solvent from the mixture in a spray-drying apparatus where there is a strong driving force for evaporation of solvent from the droplets. Spray-drying processes and spray-drying equipment are described generally in Perry's *Chemical Engineers' Handbook*, pages 20-54 to 20-57 (Sixth Edition 1984). More details on spray-drying processes and equipment are reviewed by Marshall, "Atomization and Spray-Drying," 50 *Chem. Eng. Prog. Monogr. Series 2* (1954), and Masters, *Spray Drying Handbook* (Fourth Edition 1985). The strong driving force for solvent evaporation is generally provided by maintaining the partial pressure of solvent in the spray-drying apparatus well below the vapor pressure of the solvent at the temperature of the drying droplets. This is accomplished by (1) maintaining the pressure in the spray-drying apparatus at a partial vacuum (e.g., 0.01 to 0.50 atm); or (2) mixing the liquid droplets with a warm drying gas; or (3) both (1) and (2). In addition, at least a portion of the heat required for evaporation of solvent may be provided by heating the spray solution.

- Solvents suitable for spray-drying can be any organic compound in which the CETP inhibitor and polymer are mutually soluble. Preferably, the solvent is also volatile with a boiling point of 150°C or less. In addition, the solvent should have relatively low toxicity and be removed from the solid amorphous dispersion to a level
- 5 that is acceptable according to The International Committee on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines. Removal of solvent to this level may require a subsequent processing step such as tray-drying. Preferred solvents include alcohols such as methanol, ethanol, n-propanol, iso-propanol, and butanol; ketones such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone and methyl iso-butyl ketone; esters such as ethyl acetate and propylacetate; and various
- 10 other solvents such as acetonitrile, methylene chloride, toluene, and 1,1,1-trichloroethane. Lower volatility solvents such as dimethyl acetamide or dimethylsulfoxide can also be used. Mixtures of solvents, such as 50% methanol and 50% acetone, can also be used, as can mixtures with water, so long as the polymer and CETP inhibitor are sufficiently soluble to make the spray-drying process
- 15 practicable. Generally, due to the hydrophobic nature of low-solubility CETP inhibitors, non-aqueous solvents are preferred, meaning that the solvent comprises less than about 10 wt% water.

The solvent-bearing feed, comprising the CETP inhibitor and the concentration-enhancing polymer, can be spray-dried under a wide variety of

20 conditions and yet still yield dispersions with acceptable properties. For example, various types of nozzles can be used to atomize the spray solution, thereby introducing the spray solution into the spray-dry chamber as a collection of small droplets. Essentially any type of nozzle may be used to spray the solution as long as the droplets that are formed are sufficiently small that they dry sufficiently (due to

25 evaporation of solvent) that they do not stick to or coat the spray-drying chamber wall.

Although the maximum droplet size varies widely as a function of the size, shape and flow pattern within the spray-dryer, generally droplets should be less than about 500 µm in diameter when they exit the nozzle. Examples of types of nozzles that may be used to form the solid amorphous dispersions include the two-fluid

30 nozzle, the fountain-type nozzle, the flat fan-type nozzle, the pressure nozzle and the rotary atomizer. In a preferred embodiment, a pressure nozzle is used, as disclosed in detail in commonly assigned copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/353,986, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The spray solution can be delivered to the spray nozzle or nozzles at a

35 wide range of temperatures and flow rates. Generally, the spray solution temperature

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can range anywhere from just above the solvent's freezing point to about 20°C above its ambient pressure boiling point (by pressurizing the solution) and in some cases even higher. Spray solution flow rates to the spray nozzle can vary over a wide range depending on the type of nozzle, spray-dryer size and spray-dry conditions such as the 5 inlet temperature and flow rate of the drying gas. Generally, the energy for evaporation of solvent from the spray solution in a spray-drying process comes primarily from the drying gas.

The drying gas can, in principle, be essentially any gas, but for safety reasons and to minimize undesirable oxidation of the CETP inhibitor or other materials 10 in the solid amorphous dispersion, an inert gas such as nitrogen, nitrogen-enriched air or argon is utilized. The drying gas is typically introduced into the drying chamber at a temperature between about 60° and about 300°C and preferably between about 80° and about 240°C.

The large surface-to-volume ratio of the droplets and the large driving 15 force for evaporation of solvent leads to rapid solidification times for the droplets. Solidification times should be less than about 20 seconds, preferably less than about 10 seconds, and more preferably less than 1 second. This rapid solidification is often critical to the particles maintaining a uniform, homogeneous dispersion instead of separating into CETP inhibitor-rich and polymer-rich phases. In a preferred 20 embodiment, the height and volume of the spray-dryer are adjusted to provide sufficient time for the droplets to dry prior to impinging on an internal surface of the spray-dryer, as described in detail in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/354,080, incorporated herein by reference. As noted above, to get 25 large enhancements in concentration and bioavailability it is often necessary to obtain as homogeneous a dispersion as possible.

Following solidification, the solid powder typically stays in the spray-drying chamber for about 5 to 60 seconds, further evaporating solvent from the solid powder. The final solvent content of the solid dispersion as it exits the dryer should be low, since this reduces the mobility of the CETP inhibitor molecules in the solid 30 amorphous dispersion, thereby improving its stability. Generally, the solvent content of the solid amorphous dispersion as it leaves the spray-drying chamber should be less than 10 wt% and preferably less than 2 wt%. Following formation, the solid amorphous dispersion can be dried to remove residual solvent using suitable drying processes, such as tray drying, fluid bed drying, microwave drying, belt drying, rotary drying, and 35 other drying processes known in the art.

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- The solid amorphous dispersion is usually in the form of small particles. The mean size of the particles may be less than 500  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter, or less than 100  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter, less than 50  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter or less than 25  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter. When the solid amorphous dispersion is formed by spray-drying, the resulting
- 5 dispersion is in the form of such small particles. When the solid amorphous dispersion is formed by other methods such as by melt-congeal or extrusion processes, the resulting solid amorphous dispersion may be sieved, ground, or otherwise processed to yield a plurality of small particles.
- Once the solid amorphous dispersion comprising the CETP inhibitor and
- 10 concentration-enhancing polymer has been formed, several processing operations can be used to facilitate incorporation of the solid amorphous dispersion into a dosage form. These processing operations include drying, granulation, and milling.
- The solid amorphous dispersion may be granulated to increase particle size and improve handling of the solid amorphous dispersion while forming a suitable
- 15 dosage form. Preferably, the average size of the granules will range from 50 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ . Such granulation processes may be performed before or after the composition is dried, as described above. Dry or wet granulation processes can be used for this purpose. An example of a dry granulation process is roller compaction. Wet granulation processes can include so-called low shear and high shear granulation,
- 20 as well as fluid bed granulation. In these processes, a granulation fluid is mixed with the composition after the dry components have been blended to aid in the formation of the granulated composition. Examples of granulation fluids include water, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, n-propanol, the various isomers of butanol, and mixtures thereof.
- If a wet granulation process is used, the granulated composition is often
- 25 dried prior to further processing. Examples of suitable drying processes to be used in connection with wet granulation are the same as those described above. Where the solid amorphous dispersion is made by a solvent process, the composition can be granulated prior to removal of residual solvent. During the drying process, residual solvent and granulation fluid are concurrently removed from the composition.
- 30 Once the composition has been granulated, it may then be milled to achieve the desired particle size. Examples of suitable processes for milling the composition include hammer milling, ball milling, fluid-energy milling, roller milling, cutting milling, and other milling processes known in the art.

Processes for forming solid amorphous dispersions of CETP inhibitors

35 and concentration-enhancing polymers are described in detail in commonly assigned,

copending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/918,127 and 10/066,091, incorporated herein by reference.

#### HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS

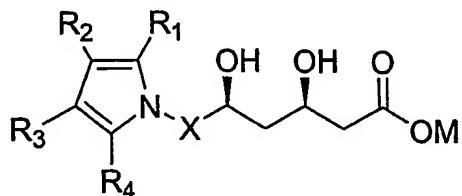
The HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor may be any HMG-CoA reductase

- 5 inhibitor capable of lowering plasma concentrations of low-density lipoprotein, total cholesterol, or both. The HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is acid-sensitive, meaning that the drug either chemically reacts with or otherwise degrades in the presence of acidic species. Examples of chemical reactions include hydrolysis, lactonization, or transesterification in the presence of acidic species.
- 10 In one aspect, the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is from a class of therapeutics commonly called statins. Examples of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors that may be used include but are not limited to lovastatin (MEVACOR®; see U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,231,938; 4,294,926; 4,319,039), simvastatin (ZOCOR®; see U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,444,784; 4,450,171, 4,820,850; 4,916,239), pravastatin (PRAVACHOL®; see U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,346,227; 4,537,859; 4,410,629; 5,030,447 and 5,180,589), lactones of pravastatin (see U.S. Pat. No. 4,448,979), fluvastatin (LESCOL®; see U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,354,772; 4,911,165; 4,739,073; 4,929,437; 5,189,164; 5,118,853; 5,290,946; 5,356,896), lactones of fluvastatin, atorvastatin (LIPITOR®; see U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,273,995; 4,681,893; 5,489,691; 5,342,952), lactones of atorvastatin, cerivastatin
- 15 20 (also known as rivastatin and BAYCHOL®; see U.S. Pat. No. 5,177,080 and European Application No. EP-491226A), lactones of cerivastatin, rosuvastatin (Crestor®; see U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,260,440 and RE37314, and European Patent No. EP521471), lactones of rosuvastatin, itavastatin, nisvastatin, visastatin, atavastatin, bervastatin, compactin, dihydrocompactin, dalvastatin, fluindostatin, pitavastatin, mevastatin (see U.S. Pat. No. 3,983,140), and velostatin (also referred to as synvinolin). Other examples of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors are described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,217,992; 5,196,440; 5,189,180; 5,166,364; 5,157,134; 5,110,940; 5,106,992; 5,099,035; 5,081,136; 5,049,696; 5,049,577; 5,025,017; 5,011,947; 5,010,105; 4,970,221; 4,940,800; 4,866,058; 4,686,237; 4,647,576; European Application Nos. 0142146A2 and 0221025A1; and PCT Application Nos. WO 86/03488, WO 86/07054, and WO 97/06802. Also included are pharmaceutically acceptable forms of the above. All of the above references are incorporated herein by reference. Preferably the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, atorvastatin, simvastatin, cerivastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, velostatin, compactin, dalvastatin, fluindostatin, rosuvastatin, pitavastatin, dihydrocompactin, and
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pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof. By "pharmaceutically acceptable forms" is meant any pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or variation, including stereoisomers, stereoisomer mixtures, enantiomers, solvates, hydrates, isomorphs, polymorphs, salt forms and prodrugs.

- 5 A test to determine whether an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is acid sensitive is to administer the drug to an acidic aqueous solution and plot drug concentration versus time. The acidic solution should have a pH of from 1-4. HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors that are acid sensitive are those for which the drug concentration decreases by at least 1% within 24 hours of administration of the drug to
- 10 the acidic solution. If the drug concentration changes by 1% in the 6-24 hour time period, then the drug is "slightly acid-sensitive." If the drug concentration changes by 1% in the 1-6 hour time period, then the drug is "moderately acid-sensitive." If the drug concentration changes by 1% in less than 1 hour, then the drug is "highly acid-sensitive." The present invention finds increasing utility for HMG-CoA reductase
- 15 inhibitors that are slightly acid-sensitive, moderately acid-sensitive and highly acid-sensitive.

- In one embodiment, the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of trans-6-[2-(3 or 4-carboxamido-substituted pyrrol-1-yl)alkyl]-4-hydroxypyran-2-ones and corresponding pyran ring-opened hydroxy acids derived therefrom. These compounds have been described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,681,893, which is herewith incorporated by reference in the present specification. The pyran ring-opened hydroxy acids which are intermediates in the synthesis of the lactone compounds can be used as free acids or as pharmaceutically acceptable metal or amine salts. In particular, these compounds can be represented by the following
- 25 structure:

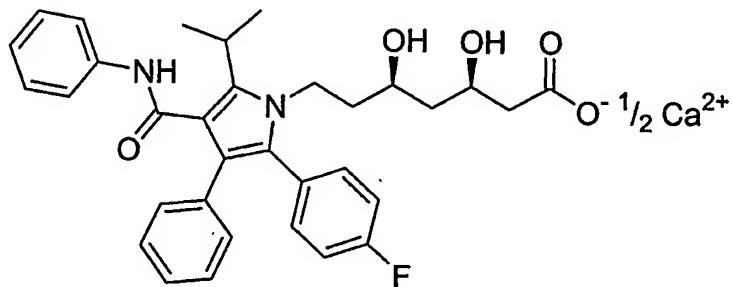


- wherein X is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-$ ;
- R<sub>1</sub> is 1-naphthyl; 2-naphthyl; cyclohexyl, norbornenyl; 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridinyl; phenyl; phenyl substituted with fluorine, chlorine, bromine, hydroxyl, trifluoromethyl, alkyl of
- 30 from one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of from one to four carbon atoms, or alkanoylalkoxy of from two to eight carbon atoms; either R<sub>2</sub> or R<sub>3</sub> is  $-\text{CONR}_5\text{R}_6$  where

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- $R_5$  and  $R_6$  are independently hydrogen; alkyl of from one to six carbon atoms; 2-,3-, or 4-pyridinyl; phenyl; phenyl substituted with fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, trifluoromethyl, or carboalkoxy of from three to eight carbon atoms; and the other of  $R_2$  or  $R_3$  is hydrogen; alkyl of from one to six carbon atoms; cyclopropyl; cyclobutyl;
- 5    cyclopentyl; cyclohexyl; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with fluorine, chlorine, bromine, hydroxyl, trifluoromethyl, alkyl of from one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of from one to four carbon atoms, or alkanoyloxy of from two to eight carbon atoms;  $R_4$  is alkyl of from one to six carbon atoms; cyclopropyl; cyclobutyl; cyclopentyl; cyclohexyl; or trifluoromethyl; and  $M$  is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt (e.g., counter ion), which
- 10   includes a pharmaceutically acceptable metal salt or a pharmaceutically acceptable amine salt.

- Among the stereo-specific isomers, one preferred HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is atorvastatin trihydrate hemi-calcium salt. This preferred compound is the ring-opened form of (2*R*-trans)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(1-methylethyl)-N,4-diphenyl-1-[2-(tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxamide, namely, the enantiomer [R-(R\*,R\*)]-2-(4-fluorophenyl- $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ -dihydroxy-5-(1-methylethyl)-3-phenyl-4-[(phenylamino)carbonyl]-1*H*-pyrrole-1-heptanoic acid hemicalcium salt. Its chemical structure may be represented by the following structure:



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Formula A

- The specific isomer has been described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,273,995, herein incorporated by reference. In a preferred embodiment, the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of atorvastatin, the cyclized lactone form 25 of atorvastatin, a 2-hydroxy, 3-hydroxy or 4-hydroxy derivative of such compounds, and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof.

In practice, use of the salt form amounts to use of the acid or lactone form. Appropriate pharmaceutically acceptable salts within the scope of the invention

are those derived from bases such as sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, lithium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, 1-deoxy-2-(methylamino)-D-glucitol, magnesium hydroxide, zinc hydroxide, aluminum hydroxide, ferrous or ferric hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide or organic amines such as N-methylglucamine, choline, arginine and the like.

- 5 Preferably, the lithium, calcium, magnesium, aluminum and ferrous or ferric salts are prepared from the sodium or potassium salt by adding the appropriate reagent to a solution of the sodium or potassium salt, i.e., addition of calcium chloride to a solution of the sodium or potassium salt of the compound of the formula A will give the calcium salt thereof.

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#### PREPARATION OF UNITARY DOSAGE FORMS

- The unitary dosage form may be in the form of a tablet, caplet, pill, capsule, powder or other dosage form known in the art. The amount of CETP inhibitor and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor present in the dosage form will vary depending on
- 15 the desired dose for each compound, which in turn, depends on the potency of the compound and the condition being treated. For example, the desired dose for the CETP inhibitor torcetrapib, also known as [2R,4S]-4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, ranges from 1 mg/day to 1000 mg/day, preferably 10 to
- 20 250 mg/day, more preferably 30 to 90 mg/day. For the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor atorvastatin calcium, the dose ranges from 1 to 160 mg/day, preferably 2 to 80 mg/day. For the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors lovastatin, pravastatin sodium, simvastatin, rosuvastatin calcium, and fluvastatin sodium, the dose ranges from 2 to 160 mg/day, preferably 10 to 80 mg/day. For the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor cerivastatin sodium,
- 25 the dose ranges from 0.05 to 1.2 mg/day, preferably 0.1 to 1.0 mg/day.

- One method for forming the unitary dosage form is to first blend the solid amorphous dispersion of the CETP inhibitor and neutral or neutralized concentration-enhancing polymer, the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and optional excipients using procedures well-known in the art. See for example, *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy*, 20<sup>th</sup> Edition (2000). Examples of blending equipment include twin-shell blenders, fluidized beds, and V blenders.

Alternatively, the CETP inhibitor/polymer solid amorphous dispersion, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and optional excipients, may be granulated. Exemplary methods for granulating the materials are wet granulation and dry granulation, both well

known in the art. For example, the solid amorphous dispersion, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and optional excipients may be granulated by mechanical means by, for example, roller compaction or "slugging," followed by milling to form granules. The granules typically have improved flow, handling, blending, and compression properties

5 relative to the ungranulated materials. Wet granulation techniques may also be employed, provided the solvents and process selected do not alter the properties of the solid amorphous dispersion. When wet granulation is used, the granulation liquid is typically removed from the granules during or after the granulation process. The so-formed granules typically have an average diameter ranging from 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ,

10 preferably 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 800  $\mu\text{m}$ , although granules outside this range can be used. Improved wetting, disintegrating, dispersing and dissolution properties may be obtained by the inclusion of other excipients described below.

Other conventional formulation excipients may be employed in the dosage form, including those excipients well known in the art, e.g., as described in

15 *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy*, 20<sup>th</sup> Edition (2000). Generally, excipients such as surfactants, pH modifiers, disintegrants, porosigens, fillers, matrix materials, complexing agents, solubilizers, pigments, lubricants, glidants, flavorants, antioxidants, and so forth may be used for customary purposes and in typical amounts without adversely affecting the properties of the compositions.

20 One very useful class of excipients is surfactants, preferably present from 0 to 10 wt%. Suitable surfactants include fatty acid and alkyl sulfonates; commercial surfactants such as benzalkonium chloride (HYAMINE<sup>®</sup> 1622 from Lonza, Inc. of Fairlawn, New Jersey); dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate (DOCUSATE SODIUM from Mallinckrodt Specialty Chemicals of St. Louis, Missouri); polyoxyethylene sorbitan

25 fatty acid esters (TWEEN<sup>®</sup> from ICI Americas Inc. of Wilmington, Delaware; LIPOSORB<sup>®</sup> O-20 from Lipochem Inc. of Patterson New Jersey; CAPMUL<sup>®</sup> POE-0 from Abitec Corp. of Janesville, Wisconsin); natural surfactants such as sodium taurocholic acid, 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine, lecithin, and other phospholipids and mono- and diglycerides; and polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene .

30 Such materials can advantageously be employed to increase the rate of dissolution by, for example, facilitating wetting, or otherwise increase the rate of release of the CETP inhibitor and/or the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor from the dosage form.

Inclusion of pH modifiers such as acids, bases, or buffers may also be beneficial in an amount of from 0 to 10 wt%. In a preferred embodiment, the unitary

35 dosage form also includes a base. The inclusion of a base can locally raise the pH in

the dosage form, leading to an improvement in chemical stability of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The term "base" is used broadly to include not only strong bases such as sodium hydroxide, but also weak bases and buffers that are capable of achieving the desired increase chemical stability. Examples of bases include

- 5 hydroxides, such as sodium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, and choline hydroxide; bicarbonates, such as sodium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate, and ammonium bicarbonate; carbonates, such as ammonium carbonate, calcium carbonate, and sodium carbonate; amines, such as tris(hydroxymethyl)amino methane, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, N-methyl glucamine, glucosamine, ethylenediamine,
- 10 N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, N-benzyl-2-phenethylamine, cyclohexylamine, cyclopentylamine, diethylamine, isopropylamine, diisopropylamine, dodecylamine, and triethylamine; proteins, such as gelatin; amino acids such as lysine, arginine, guanine, glycine, and adenine; polymeric amines, such as polyamino methacrylates, such as Eudragit E; conjugate bases of various acids, such as sodium acetate, sodium
- 15 benzoate, ammonium acetate, disodium phosphate, trisodium phosphate, calcium hydrogen phosphate, sodium phenolate, sodium sulfate, ammonium chloride, and ammonium sulfate; salts of EDTA, such as tetra sodium EDTA; and salts of various acidic polymers such as sodium starch glycolate, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose and sodium polyacrylic acid. In one embodiment, the base partially neutralizes the acidic
- 20 concentration-enhancing polymer, as previously discussed; however, a base may also be included when the solid amorphous dispersion comprises a CETP inhibitor and a neutral concentration-enhancing polymer.

Examples of disintegrants include sodium starch glycolate, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, calcium carboxymethyl cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, crospovidone, polyvinylpolypyrrolidone, methyl cellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, powdered cellulose, lower alkyl-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, polacrilin potassium, starch, pregelatinized starch, sodium alginate, and mixtures thereof. Generally, the disintegrant will comprise from 1 wt% to 25 wt%, preferably from 5 wt% to 20 wt% of the dosage form.

- 30 The unitary dosage form may also include a porosigen. A "porosigen" is a material that, when present in the formulation containing the solid amorphous dispersion, leads to a high porosity and high strength following compression of the blend into a tablet. In addition, preferred porosigens are soluble in an acidic environment with aqueous solubilities typically greater than 1 mg/mL at a pH less than
- 35 about 4. Generally, the predominant deformation mechanism for porosigens under

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excipient, calcium carbonate, has been found to chemically stabilize HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, such as atorvastatin calcium. Microcrystalline cellulose and hydrous lactose are applied as suitable diluents. Croscarmellose sodium is present as a disintegrant. The non-ionic detergent Tween 80 is used as a surfactant. The 5 composition also contains hydroxypropyl cellulose as binder selected from among several applicable substances such as, i.e., polyethylene glycol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, hydroxymethylcellulose or hydroxypropylmethylcellulose. As anti-oxidants, reagents such as butylated hydroxyanisole, sodium ascorbate, ascorbic acid or others may optionally be incorporated in the composition. Magnesium stearate can 10 be selected from a group including other substances such as stearic acid, palmitic acid, talc or similar lubricating compounds.

Other possible and supplemental ingredients such as preservatives, dryers, glidants, or colorants known as conventional by those skilled in the art may be included optionally in the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition.

15 In one aspect, the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition comprises the following concentration ranges of ingredients by weight: the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is in the range from about 1% to about 50%; calcium carbonate from about 5% to about 75%; microcrystalline cellulose from about 5% to about 75%; hydrous lactose from about 1% to about 80%; croscarmellose sodium from about 1% to about 15%; 20 hydroxypropylcellulose from about 0.5% to about 6%; Tween 80 from about 0.1% to about 4%; magnesium stearate from about 0.25% to about 2%; and sodium ascorbate from about 0.0% to about 3%.

A more preferred HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition comprises the following approximate concentrations of ingredients by weight: about 13.9 wt% of 25 the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor atorvastatin hemicacium trihydrate; about 42.4 wt% of calcium carbonate; about 17.7 wt% microcrystalline cellulose; about 19.2 wt% pregelatinized starch; about 2.5 wt% hydroxypropyl cellulose; and about 0.5 wt% Tween 80.

The HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition may be formed by any 30 conventional method for combining the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor and excipients. Exemplary methods include wet and dry granulation. If wet granulation is used, a stabilizing agent such as calcium carbonate is preferably included to keep chemical degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor at an acceptable level.

One exemplary method for forming the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor 35 composition comprises (a) milling an excess of the drug, (b) dissolving at least one

compression is brittle fracture rather than plastic flow. Examples of porosogens include acacia, calcium carbonate, calcium sulfate, calcium sulfate dihydrate, compressible sugar, dibasic calcium phosphate (anhydrous and dihydrate), tribasic calcium phosphate, monobasic sodium phosphate, dibasic sodium phosphate, lactose,

5 magnesium oxide, magnesium carbonate, silicon dioxide, magnesium aluminum silicate, maltodextrin, mannitol, methyl cellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, sorbitol, sucrose and xylitol. Of these, microcrystalline cellulose and both forms of dibasic calcium phosphate (anhydrous and dihydrate) are preferred. Generally, the porosigen will comprise from 5 to 70 wt%, and preferably from 10 to 50 wt% of the dosage form.

10 Examples of other matrix materials, fillers, or diluents include dextrose, compressible sugar, hydrous lactose, corn starch, silicic anhydride, polysaccharides, dextrates, dextran, dextrin, dextrose, calcium carbonate, calcium sulfate, poloxamers, and polyethylene oxide.

Another optional excipient is a binder such as methyl cellulose,

15 carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxymethylpropylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylalcohol or starch.

Examples of drug-complexing agents or solubilizers include polyethylene glycols, caffeine, xanthene, gentisic acid and cyclodextrins.

20 Examples of lubricants include calcium stearate, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl palmitostearate, hydrogenated vegetable oil, light mineral oil, magnesium stearate, mineral oil, polyethylene glycol, sodium benzoate, sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium stearyl fumarate, stearic acid, talc and zinc stearate.

Examples of glidants include silicon dioxide, talc and cornstarch.

25 Examples of antioxidants include butylated hydroxyanisole, sodium ascorbate, butylated hydroxytoluene, sodium metabisulfate, malic acid, citric acid and ascorbic acid.

30 In a preferred embodiment, the unitary dosage form comprises a stabilizing agent for the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The stabilizing agent stabilizes the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor by reducing acid catalyzed degradation. The stabilizing agent may be a basic inorganic pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Exemplary salts include: salts of calcium, such as calcium carbonate and calcium hydroxide; salts of magnesium, such as magnesium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium oxide, magnesium silicate, magnesium aluminate, and aluminum magnesium hydroxide; salts of lithium, such as lithium hydroxide and similar lithium compounds; or, other similarly suitable salts of alkaline earth metals. The basic

inorganic salts of calcium, lithium or magnesium can be utilized in a weight ratio ranging between about 0.1 to 1 and about 50 to 1 of salt compound to HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.

- A preferred stabilizing agent is calcium carbonate. The inventors have
- 5 observed that the size of the calcium carbonate particles is related to the effectiveness of the calcium carbonate as a stabilizing agent, with smaller particle size resulting in better performance as a stabilizing agent. Preferred grades of calcium carbonate are precipitated grades of calcium carbonate having a particle size of less than about ten microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ). Exemplary grades of precipitated calcium carbonate include Vicality
- 10 Medium PCC and Vicality Heavy PCC available from Specialty Minerals, Pre-carb 150 available from Mutchler, and PCC-250 available from Particle Dynamics.

The CETP inhibitor/polymer solid amorphous dispersion, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and optional excipients may be blended or granulated and then compressed to form the dosage form, such as tablets, caplets, or pills. The

15 compressed dosage forms may be formed using any of a wide variety of presses used in the fabrication of pharmaceutical dosage forms. Examples include single-punch presses, rotary tablet presses, and multilayer rotary tablet presses, all well-known in the art. See *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy* (20<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2000). The compressed dosage form may be of any shape, including round, oval, oblong,

20 cylindrical, or triangular. The upper and lower surfaces of the compressed dosage form may be flat, round, concave, or convex.

When formed by compression, the dosage form preferably has a "strength" of at least 5 Kiloponds (Kp)/cm<sup>2</sup>, and more preferably at least 7 Kp/cm<sup>2</sup>. Here, "strength" is the fracture force, also known as the tablet "hardness," required to

25 fracture a tablet formed from the materials, divided by the maximum cross-sectional area of the tablet normal to that force. The fracture force may be measured using a Schleuniger Tablet Hardness Tester, model 6D. To achieve the desired strength, the blend of the CETP inhibitor/polymer solid amorphous dispersion, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and optional excipients should be compressed with sufficient force while

30 forming the dosage form. The compression force required to achieve this strength will depend on the size of the tablet, but generally will be greater than about 5 kP/cm<sup>2</sup>. Friability is a well-known measure of a dosage form's resistance to surface abrasion that measures weight loss in percentage after subjecting the dosage form to a standardized agitation procedure. Friability values of from 0.8 to 1.0% are regarded as

35 constituting the upper limit of acceptability. Dosage forms having a strength of greater

than 5 kP/cm<sup>2</sup> generally are very robust, having a friability of less than 0.5%, preferably less than 0.1%.

Alternatively, the CETP inhibitor/polymer solid amorphous dispersion, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and optional excipients described above may be filled 5 into a capsule, such as a hard- or soft-gelatin capsule or a capsule made from some other material, e.g., starch, to form the unitary dosage form. Such capsules are well known in the art (see, for example, *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy* (20<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2000)).

Yet another embodiment of the unitary dosage form is a powder form. 10 The powder dosage form can then be taken dry or mixed with a liquid to form a paste, suspension or slurry prior to dosing. An example of this type of dosage form is a sachet, sometimes known in the art as an oral powder for constitution (OPC). The CETP inhibitor/polymer solid amorphous dispersion, the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and optional excipients may be mixed and placed into a suitable container, such as a 15 pouch, bottle, box, bag, or other container known in the art.

In another embodiment, the unitary dosage form comprises (a) a CETP inhibitor composition, the CETP inhibitor composition comprising a solid amorphous dispersion of a CETP inhibitor and a neutral or neutralized concentration-enhancing polymer; and (b) an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition comprising an HMG- 20 CoA reductase inhibitor. The CETP inhibitor composition and the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition are combined such that the solid amorphous dispersion and the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor are substantially separate from one another in the dosage form.

The HMG-CoA reductase composition may comprise a stabilizing metal 25 or alkaline earth metal salt, additional excipients which are known as suitable agents in the art comprising combinations and concentrations as further described below. In a preferred embodiment, the HMG-CoA reductase composition contains conventional additional materials suitable for forming a tablet. Such excipients include a diluent, binder, and disintegrant. Antioxidants can also be incorporated into the HMG-CoA 30 reductase inhibitor composition to prevent any oxidation of the drug compound. For example, antioxidants that could be used are butylated hydroxyanisole, sodium ascorbate, butylated hydroxytoluene, sodium metabisulfate, malic acid, citric acid and ascorbic acid.

In one HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition, the composition 35 comprises a stabilizing agent, diluents, disintegrant, and surfactant. The basic

- binder additive in aqueous surfactant solution; (c) blending the milled drug with at least one drug-stabilizing additive and at least one diluent additive with the drug-stabilizing additive and one half of a disintegrant additive in a rotary mixing vessel equipped with a chopping device; (d) granulating the blended drug ingredient mixture of step (c) with
- 5 the surfactant/binder solution of step (b) in gradual increments in the chopper equipped mixing vessel; (e) drying the granulated drug mixture overnight at about 50°C;
- (f) sieving the dried granulated drug mixture; (g) tumble blending the sieved drug mixture with the remaining amount of the disintegrant additive; (h) mixing separately an aliquot of the drug mixture of step (g) with magnesium stearate, sieving same, and
- 10 returning same to the drug mixture of step (g) and tumble blending the entire drug mixture.

In one embodiment, the CETP inhibitor composition and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition are blended together and then compressed to form a tablet, caplet, pill, or other dosage forms formed by compression forces known in the art. In another embodiment, the CETP inhibitor composition and the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition are blended together and filled into a capsule. In another embodiment, the CETP inhibitor composition and the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition are blended together to form a powder dosage form. In another embodiment, the unitary dosage form is in the form of a kit comprising the CETP inhibitor composition and the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition. The kit is designed such that the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor and the solid amorphous dispersion are substantially separate.

Yet another embodiment of the unitary dosage form is a kit comprising two separate compositions: (1) one containing the solid amorphous dispersion comprising a CETP inhibitor and an acidic concentration-enhancing polymer, and (2) one containing the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. The kit is designed such that the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor and the solid amorphous dispersion are substantially separate. The kit includes means for containing the separate compositions such as a divided bottle or a divided foil packet; however, the separate compositions may also be contained within a single, undivided container. Typically the kit includes directions for the administration of the separate components.

Further details of such unitary dosage forms are given in commonly assigned Provisional Patent Application No. 60/435,298, entitled "Dosage Forms Comprising a CETP Inhibitor and an HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor," filed

35 December 20, 2002, the entire disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

## COATINGS

- The unitary dosage form may optionally be coated with a conventional coating well known in the art. The coatings may be used to mask taste, improve
- 5 appearance, facilitate swallowing of the dosage form, or to delay, sustain or otherwise control the release of the drug from the dosage form. Such coatings may be fabricated by any conventional means including fluidized bed coating, spray-coating, pan-coating and powder-coating using aqueous or organic solvents. Examples of suitable coating materials include sucrose, maltitol, cellulose acetate, ethyl cellulose, methylcellulose,
- 10 sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, polymethacrylates, polyacrylates, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, cetyl alcohol, gelatin, maltodextrin, paraffin wax, microcrystalline wax, and Carnauba wax. Mixtures of polymers may also be used. Preferred coatings include the commercial aqueous coating formulations Surelease® and Opadry®
- 15 available from Colorcon Inc. (West Point, Pennsylvania). Another exemplary commercial coating is Lustre Clear® from FMC Corp., located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- In some cases, to avoid poor toleration or to avoid degradation, it is desired that drugs in the unitary dosage form not be released in the stomach. In these
- 20 instances, the dosage form may also be overcoated with one or more pH-sensitive coating compositions, commonly referred to in the pharmaceutical arts as "enteric" coatings, by conventional procedures in order to delay the release of drug until it reaches the duodenum or small intestine. pH-sensitive polymers suitable as enteric coatings include those which are relatively insoluble and impermeable at the pH of the
- 25 stomach, but which are more soluble or disintegrable or permeable at the pH of the duodenum and small intestine. Such pH-sensitive polymers include polyacrylamides, phthalate derivatives such as acid phthalate of carbohydrates, amylose acetate phthalate, cellulose acetate phthalate (CAP), other cellulose ester phthalates, cellulose ether phthalates, hydroxypropylcellulose phthalate (HPCP), hydroxypropyl
- 30 ethylcellulose phthalate (HPECP), hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate (HPMCP), HPMCAS, methylcellulose phthalate (MCP), polyvinyl acetate phthalate (PVAcP), polyvinyl acetate hydrogen phthalate, sodium CAP, starch acid phthalate, cellulose acetate trimellitate (CAT), styrene-maleic acid dibutyl phthalate copolymer, styrene-maleic acid/polyvinylacetate phthalate copolymer, styrene and maleic acid copolymers,
- 35 polyacrylic acid derivatives such as acrylic acid and acrylic ester copolymers,

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polymethacrylic acid and esters thereof, polyacrylic and methacrylic acid copolymers, shellac and copolymers of vinyl acetate and crotonic acid.

- A preferred group of pH-sensitive polymers includes CAP, PVAcP, HPMCP, HPMCAS, anionic acrylic copolymers of methacrylic acid and 5 methylmethacrylate, and copolymers of acrylic acid and at least one acrylic acid ester.

To apply the pH-sensitive coating to the tablets, the pH-sensitive polymer is first dissolved in a suitable solvent to form a coating solution. Useful solvents for this purpose include ketones, such as acetone; alcohols, such as methanol, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, n-propyl alcohol, and the various isomers of 10 butanol; chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as methylene chloride; water; and mixtures of these solvents. The polymer may also be suspended in the solvent. The coating solution may also comprise a latex of the pH-sensitive polymer suspended in an aqueous solution.

The coating solution may also contain one or more plasticizers, such as 15 polyethylene glycols, triethyl citrate, propylene glycols, diethyl phthalate, dibutyl phthalate, castor oil, triacetin and others known in the art. The coating solution may also contain one or more emulsifiers, such as polysorbate-80. Coating is conducted in conventional fashion, typically by dipping, spray-coating, or pan-coating.

Where the coating is an acidic polymer, it may be desired to further 20 protect the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor from degradation from the coating material. In such instances, it may be desired to provide an inner coating surrounding the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor composition onto which the exterior acidic coating may be applied. Other conventional techniques may be used to prevent the coating from degrading the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.

25 The coating solution may also contain a base or buffer, such as those discussed above. Use of a base or buffer will ensure the pH of the coating solution is not so low as to increase chemical degradation of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. Use of a base or buffer may also be used to minimize reaction of the coating formulation with other excipients in the dosage form.

30 The unitary dosage forms of the present invention may be used to treat any condition, which is subject to treatment by administering a CETP inhibitor and an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, as disclosed in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0035125A1, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

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In one aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for antiatherosclerotic treatment.

In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for slowing and/or arresting the progression of atherosclerotic plaques.

5 In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for slowing the progression of atherosclerotic plaques in coronary arteries.

In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for slowing the progression of atherosclerotic plaques in carotid arteries.

10 In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for slowing the progression of atherosclerotic plaques in the peripheral arterial system.

In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention, when used for treatment of atherosclerosis, causes the regression of atherosclerotic plaques.

15 In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for regression of atherosclerotic plaques in coronary arteries.

In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for regression of atherosclerotic plaques in carotid arteries.

20 In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for regression of atherosclerotic plaques in the peripheral arterial system.

In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for HDL elevation treatment and antihyperlipidemic treatment (including LDL lowering).

25 In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for antianginal treatment.

In another aspect, the unitary dosage forms of the present invention are used for cardiac risk management.

30 Other features and embodiments of the invention will become apparent from the following examples, which are given for illustration of the invention, rather than for limiting its intended scope.

## EXAMPLES

## Example 1

5 Crystalline atorvastatin calcium was combined with a solid amorphous dispersion containing a CETP inhibitor and a neutralized acidic polymer, and stored at 50°C and 75% relative humidity for 3 weeks. The stability of atorvastatin was improved relative to a control composition containing an acidic polymer.

The following process was used to form a solid amorphous dispersion  
10 containing 25 wt% of the CETP inhibitor torcetrapib, also known as [2R,4S]-4-[(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methoxycarbonyl-amino]-2-ethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, (torcetrapib) and 75 wt% hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose acetate succinate (HPMCAS)(MF grade, available from Shin Etsu, located in Tokyo, Japan) wherein greater than 95% of the acidic succinate  
15 substituents had been neutralized with potassium hydroxide. First, a spray solution was formed containing 1500 mg HPMCAS (an acidic polymer) in 45 g methanol with 82.3 mg potassium hydroxide (a sufficient amount to completely neutralize the acidic groups on the polymer). Next, 500 mg torcetrapib and about 3 mL water were dissolved therein. The solution was pumped into a "mini" spray-drying apparatus via a Cole  
20 Parmer 74900 series rate-controlling syringe pump at a rate of 1.3 mL/min. The solution was sprayed using a Spraying Systems Co. two-fluid nozzle, model number SU1A, with nitrogen as the atomizing gas. The nitrogen was pressurized and heated to a temperature of 70°C at a flow rate of 1.0 scfm. The solution was sprayed from the top of an 11-cm diameter stainless steel chamber. The resulting solid amorphous  
25 dispersion was collected on Whatman® filter paper, dried under vacuum, and stored in a dessicator. After drying, the solid amorphous dispersion contained 25 wt% torcetrapib and 75 wt% neutralized HPMCAS-MF.

The spray-dried solid amorphous dispersion was evaluated in an *in vitro* dissolution test using a microcentrifuge method. In this test, 7.2 mg of the spray-dried  
30 solid amorphous dispersion was placed into a microcentrifuge tube. The tube was placed in a 37°C sonicating bath, and 1.8 mL phosphate buffered saline (PBS) at pH 6.5 and 290 mOsm/kg was added, resulting in a torcetrapib concentration of 1000 µg/mL if all of the drug had dissolved. The sample was quickly mixed using a vortex mixer for about 60 seconds. The sample was centrifuged at 13,000 G at 37°C  
35 for 1 minute. The resulting supernatant solution was then sampled and diluted 1:6 (by

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volume) with methanol and then analyzed by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). The contents of the tube was mixed on the vortex mixer and allowed to stand undisturbed at 37°C until the next sample was taken. Samples were collected at 4, 10, 20, 40, 90, and 1200 minutes. The concentrations of drug obtained in these samples 5 are shown in Table 1, which represent the average of duplicate tests.

As a control, an *in vitro* dissolution test was performed using the procedures described above except that 1.8 mg of crystalline drug was used. The concentrations of drug obtained in *in vitro* dissolution tests are shown in Table 1.

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Table 1

Sample	Time (min)	Torcetrapib Concentration (µg/mL)	AUC (min-µg/mL)
Solid Amorphous Dispersion using the neutralized HPMCAS-MG/K <sup>+</sup>	0	0	0
	4	190	400
	10	189	1500
	20	165	3300
	40	154	6500
	90	119	13,300
	1200	17	88,800
Crystalline Drug	0	0	0
	4	<1	<2
	10	<1	<8
	20	<1	<18
	40	<1	<38
	90	<1	<88
	1200	<1	<1,200

15 The results of these dissolution tests are summarized in Table 2, which shows the maximum concentration of torcetrapib in solution during the first 90 minutes of the test ( $C_{\max,90}$ ), the area under the aqueous concentration versus time curve after 90 minutes ( $AUC_{90}$ ), and the concentration at 1200 minutes ( $C_{1200}$ ).

Table 2

Sample	Concentration-Enhancing Polymer	Torcetrapib Conc. in the Dispersion (wt%)	Receptor Solution	$C_{max,90}$ (µg/mL)	AUC <sub>90</sub> (min-µg/mL)
Solid Amorphous Dispersion	HPMCAS-MG Neutralized with K <sup>+</sup>	25	PBS	190	13,300
Crystalline Drug	None	NA	PBS	<1	<88

The results summarized in Table 2 show that the solid amorphous dispersion 5 provided concentration enhancement relative to crystalline drug. The solid amorphous dispersion provided a  $C_{max,90}$  value that was greater than 190-fold that of the crystalline drug, and an AUC<sub>90</sub> value that was greater than 151-fold that of the crystalline drug.

Example 1 consisted of a mixture of crystalline atorvastatin (14.3 wt%) and the CETP inhibitor dispersion with neutralized polymer (85.7 wt%). To form the 10 mixture of Example 1, 42.9 mg of crystalline atorvastatin and 257.1 mg of the solid amorphous dispersion were combined and blended for 20 minutes using a Turbula mixer. The mixture was slugged using a Carver press at 500 psi, and then milled using a mortar and pestle. The granules were screened using a #20 sieve.

Control 1 consisted of a mixture of crystalline atorvastatin (14.3 wt%) and the CETP inhibitor dispersion with un-neutralized acidic polymer (85.7 wt%). The 15 solid amorphous dispersion for Control 1 was made by forming a spray solution containing 25 g torcetrapib, 75 g HPMCAS (MG grade, available from Shin Etsu, located in Tokyo, Japan), and 900 g acetone. The spray solution was pumped using a high-pressure pump (Zenith Z-Drive 2000 High-Pressure Gear Pump) to a spray drier 20 (Niro type XP Portable Spray-Dryer with a Liquid-Feed Process Vessel [PSD-1]) equipped with a pressure atomizer (Spraying Systems Pressure Nozzle and Body (SK 79-16)). The PSD-1 was equipped with a 9-inch chamber extension. The spray drier was also equipped with a diffuser plate having a 1% open area. The nozzle sat flush with the diffuser plate during operation. The spray solution was pumped to the 25 spray drier at about 185 g/min, with an atomization pressure of about 280 psi. Drying gas (nitrogen) was circulated through the diffuser plate at an inlet temperature of about 98°C. The evaporated solvent and wet drying gas exited the spray drier at a temperature of about 29°C. The spray-dried solid amorphous dispersion formed by this process was collected in a cyclone, and had a bulk specific volume of 4.5 cm<sup>3</sup>/gm. The

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solid amorphous dispersion was post-dried using a Gruenberg single-pass convection tray dryer operating at 40°C for about 16 hours. To form the mixture of Control 1, 42.9 mg of crystalline atorvastatin and 257.1 mg of the torcetrapid solid amorphous dispersion with un-neutralized polymer were combined, then blended, slugged, milled,

5 and sieved as described for Example 1.

Example 1 and Control 1 were stored at 50°C and 75% relative humidity for 3 weeks to increase the rate of chemical and physical changes occurring in the materials in order to simulate a longer storage interval in a typical storage environment. Following storage, samples were analyzed for atorvastatin purity using HPLC. To 10 analyze the samples by HPLC, about 0.4 mg/mL atorvastatin in the mixture was added to a dissolving solvent. The dissolving solvent was made by combining 150 mLs 50mM ammonium acetate (pH 7.0), 600 mLs acetonitrile, and 250 mLs methanol. Mobile phase A was made by adding 3 mLs acetic acid to 530 mLs water, adjusting to pH 4.0 with ammonium hydroxide, then adding 270 mLs acetonitrile and 200 mLs 15 tetrahydrofuran. Mobile phase B was made by adding 1 mL acetic acid to 100 mLs water, adding half of the amount of ammonium hydroxide used to adjust Mobile phase A, then adding 700 mLs acetonitrile and 200 mLs tetrahydrofuran. The samples were analyzed using a Waters Spherisorb ODS2 column, with a solvent flow rate of 1.5 mL/min. Table 3 shows the solvent gradient used.

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Table 3

Time	%A	%B
0	100	0
15	100	0
35	0	100
50	0	100
51	100	0
60	100	0

The UV absorbance of atorvastatin and atorvastatin impurities were measured at a wavelength of 244 nm. The atorvastatin lactone impurity eluting after about 10 minutes 25 was chosen as the basis for comparison. All peak areas were added and the lactone impurity as percent of total peak area was calculated to give the degree of degradation. Results are shown below in Table 4.

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Table 4

Sample	Degree of Degradation (wt%)
Example 1	0.06
Control 1	0.49

The results from Table 4 show that the atorvastatin in the sample of Control 1 (atorvastatin mixed with the CETPI/un-neutralized acidic polymer dispersion) 5 contained 0.49 wt% lactone impurity. Example 1 shows that a composition containing a CETP inhibitor solid amorphous dispersion comprising a neutralized acidic polymer provided improved stability of atorvastatin relative to a composition containing a dispersion comprising an acidic polymer.

A relative degree of improvement in chemical stability was determined 10 by taking the ratio of the degree of degradation of the drug in the control composition and the degree of degradation of the drug in the composition of Example 1. For Example 1, where the degree of degradation of atorvastatin is 0.06 wt%, and the degree of degradation of Control 1 is 0.49 wt%, the relative degree of improvement is 0.49 wt%/0.06 wt%, or 8.17.

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#### Example 2

Crystalline atorvastatin was combined with an amorphous dispersion containing a CETP inhibitor and a neutral polymer, and stored at 50°C and 75% 20 relative humidity for 3 weeks. The stability of atorvastatin was improved relative to a control composition containing an acidic polymer.

The following process was used to form a solid amorphous dispersion containing 25 wt% torcetrapib and 75 wt% of the neutral polymer hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC). First, a spray solution was formed containing 1500 mg HPMC (E3 25 Prem Methocel® obtained from Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Michigan) in 48 g methanol. Next, 500 mg torcetrapib and about 2 mLs water were added. The solution was pumped into a "mini" spray-drying apparatus and spray-dried as described for Example 1. After drying, the resulting amorphous dispersion contained 25 wt% torcetrapib and 75 wt% HPMC.

30 The spray-dried solid amorphous dispersion was evaluated in an *in vitro* dissolution test using a microcentrifuge method as described in Example 1. The

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concentrations of drug obtained in these samples are shown in Table 5, which represent the average of duplicate tests.

Table 5

Sample	Time (min)	Torcetrapib Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	AUC (min- $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )
Solid	0	0	0
Amorphous	4	87	200
Dispersion	10	21	500
using the	20	12	700
neutral polymer	40	9	900
HPMC	90	11	1400
	1200	5	10,100

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The results of these dissolution tests are summarized in Table 6, which shows the maximum concentration of torcetrapib in solution during the first 90 minutes of the test ( $C_{\text{max},90}$ ), the area under the aqueous concentration versus time curve after 90 minutes ( $AUC_{90}$ ), and the concentration at 1200 minutes ( $C_{1200}$ ). The results for the 10 crystalline drug are included for comparison.

Table 6

Sample	Concentration-Enhancing Polymer	Torcetrapib Conc. in the Dispersion (wt%)	Receptor Solution	$C_{\text{max},90}$ ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	$AUC_{90}$ (min- $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )
Solid Amorphous Dispersion	HPMC	25	PBS	87	1,400
Crystalline Drug	None	NA	PBS	<1	<88

15 The results summarized in Table 6 show that the solid amorphous dispersion provided concentration enhancement relative to crystalline drug. The solid amorphous dispersion provided a  $C_{\text{max},90}$  value that was greater than 87-fold that of the crystalline drug, and an  $AUC_{90}$  value that was greater than 15-fold that of the crystalline drug.

20 Example 2 consisted of a mixture of crystalline atorvastatin (14.3 wt%) and the CETP inhibitor dispersion with neutral polymer (85.7 wt%). To form the mixture of Example 2, 42.9 mg of crystalline atorvastatin and 257.1 mg of the solid

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amorphous dispersion above were combined, then blended, slugged, milled, and sieved as described for Example 1.

- Example 2 was stored at 50°C and 75% relative humidity for 3 weeks, then analyzed for atorvastatin purity using HPLC, as described for Example 1 and
- 5 Control 1. All impurity peak areas were added and the lactone impurity as percent of total peak area was calculated to give the degree of degradation. Results are shown below in Table 7. Control 1 is shown again for comparison.

Table 7

Sample	Degree of Degradation (wt%)
Example 2	0.13
Control 1	0.49

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The atorvastatin in the sample of Example 2 contained 0.13 wt% lactone impurity after storage. The atorvastatin in the sample of Control 1 (atorvastatin mixed with the CETP inhibitor/HPMCAS dispersion) contained 0.49 wt% lactone impurity after storage. Example 2 shows that use of a CETP inhibitor dispersion comprising a neutral

15 polymer provided improved atorvastatin stability relative to a composition comprising a dispersion containing an acidic polymer. For Example 2, where the degree of degradation of atorvastatin was 0.13 wt%, and the degree of degradation of Control 1 was 0.49 wt%, the relative degree of improvement was 0.49 wt%/0.13 wt%, or 3.8.

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### Example 3

This example demonstrates neutralizing an acidic concentration-enhancing polymer by adding base following formation of the solid amorphous dispersion.

25 Example 3 consisted of a mixture of crystalline atorvastatin (13.9 wt%), magnesium oxide (3.0 wt%), and the CETP inhibitor dispersion with acidic polymer HPMCAS described for Control 1 (83.1 wt%). To form the mixture of Example 3, 42.9 mg of crystalline atorvastatin, 9.4 mg of magnesium oxide, and 257.1 mg of the solid amorphous dispersion containing 25 wt% torcetrapib and 75 wt% HPMCAS were

30 combined, then blended, slugged, milled, and sieved as described for Example 1. Example 3 was stored at 50°C and 75% relative humidity for 3 weeks, then analyzed

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for atorvastatin purity using HPLC, as described for Example 1 and Control 1. Results are shown below in Table 8.

Table 8

Sample	Degree of Degradation (wt%)
Example 3	0.19
Control 1	0.49

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The results from Table 8 show that the atorvastatin in the sample of Example 3 contains 0.19 wt% lactone impurity. The relative degree of improvement for Example 3 is 2.6 relative to Control 1.

The terms and expressions which have been employed in the foregoing  
10 specification are used therein as terms of description and not of limitation, and there is no intention, in the use of such terms and expressions, of excluding equivalents of the features shown and described or portions thereof, it being recognized that the scope of the invention is defined and limited only by the claims which follow.

CLAIMS

1. A unitary dosage form comprising:
  - (a) a solid amorphous dispersion comprising a cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor and a concentration-enhancing polymer; and
  - (b) an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor;

5 wherein said concentration-enhancing polymer is at least one of a neutral polymer and a neutralized acidic polymer.

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2. The unitary dosage form of claim 1 wherein said concentration-enhancing polymer is said neutral polymer.

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3. The unitary dosage form of claim 2 wherein said unitary dosage form provides improved chemical stability of said HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor relative to a control dosage form identical thereto except that the concentration-enhancing polymer is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate.

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4. The unitary dosage form of claim 2 wherein said concentration-enhancing polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose acetate, hydroxyethyl ethyl cellulose, vinyl polymers and copolymers having one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl-containing repeat units, alkylacyloxy-25 containing repeat units, or cyclicamido-containing repeat units, polyvinyl alcohols that have at least a portion of their repeat units in the unhydrolyzed form, polyvinyl alcohol polyvinyl acetate copolymers, polyethylene glycol, polyethylene glycol polypropylene glycol copolymers, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyethylene polyvinyl alcohol copolymers, polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymers, and mixtures thereof.

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5. The unitary dosage form of claim 1 wherein said concentration-enhancing polymer is said neutralized acidic polymer.

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6. The unitary dosage form of claim 8 wherein said unitary dosage form provides improved chemical stability of said HMG CoA reductase inhibitor relative

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to a control dosage form identical thereto except that the concentration-enhancing polymer is the unneutralized form of said neutralized acidic polymer.

7. The unitary dosage form of claim 8 wherein said neutralized  
5 acidic polymer has a degree of neutralization of at least 0.1%.

8. The unitary dosage form of claim 8 wherein said neutralized acidic polymer is a neutralized form of a polymer selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose 10 succinate, hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose succinate, hydroxyethyl cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose phthalate, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose acetate phthalate, cellulose acetate phthalate, methyl cellulose acetate phthalate, ethyl cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate phthalate, 15 hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate phthalate succinate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose succinate phthalate, cellulose propionate phthalate, hydroxypropyl cellulose butyrate phthalate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, methyl cellulose acetate trimellitate, ethyl cellulose acetate trimellitate, hydroxypropyl cellulose 20 acetate trimellitate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate trimellitate, hydroxypropyl cellulose acetate trimellitate succinate, cellulose propionate trimellitate, cellulose butyrate trimellitate, cellulose acetate terephthalate, cellulose acetate isophthalate, cellulose acetate pyridinedicarboxylate, salicylic acid cellulose acetate, hydroxypropyl salicylic acid cellulose acetate, ethylbenzoic acid cellulose acetate, hydroxypropyl 25 ethylbenzoic acid cellulose acetate, ethyl phthalic acid cellulose acetate, ethyl nicotinic acid cellulose acetate, ethyl picolinic acid cellulose acetate, carboxymethyl ethyl cellulose, carboxylic acid functionalized vinyl polymers, carboxylic acid functionalized polymethacrylates, carboxylic acid functionalized polyacrylates, and mixtures thereof.

30 9. The unitary dosage form of claim 1 further comprising an excipient selected from the group consisting of a base and a buffer.

10. The unitary dosage form of claim 1 wherein said dosage form provides at least one of:

35 (a) an improvement in the maximum concentration of said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor in a use environment of

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at least 1.25 fold relative to a control composition consisting essentially of said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor alone;

- 5 (b) an area under the concentration of said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor versus time curve in the use environment for any period of at least 90 minutes between the time of introduction into the use environment and about 270 minutes following introduction to the use environment that is at least 2-fold that of said control composition consisting essentially of said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor alone;

- 10 (c) a maximum concentration of said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor in the blood of at least 1.25 fold relative to a control composition consisting essentially of said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor alone; and

- 15 (d) an improvement in the relative bioavailability of said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor in the use environment of at least 1.25 fold relative to said control composition consisting essentially of said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor alone.

- 20 11. The unitary dosage form of claim 1 wherein said HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, atorvastatin, simvastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, velostatin, compactin, dalcavastatin, fluindostatin, rosuvastatin, pitavastatin, dihydrocompactin, cerivastatin, and 25 pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof.

- 30 12. The unitary dosage form of claim 1 wherein said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of the compounds of Formula I, Formula II, Formula III, Formula IV, Formula V, Formula VI, Formula VII, Formula VIII, Formula IX, Formula X, Formula XI, Formula XII, Formula XIII, Formula XIV, Formula XV, Formula XVI, Formula XVII, Formula XVIII, and Formula XIX.

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13. The unitary dosage form of any one of claims 1-10 wherein said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor is torcetrapib and said HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of atorvastatin and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof.

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14. The unitary dosage form of claim 1 wherein said dosage form is selected from the group consisting of a tablet, caplet, pill, capsule, powder, and a kit comprising one or more tablets, caplets, pills, capsules, sachets, powders, or solutions intended to be taken together.

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15. A method for forming a unitary dosage form comprising:

(a) forming a solid amorphous dispersion comprising a cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor and a concentration-enhancing polymer; and

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(b) combining said solid amorphous dispersion with an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor to form said unitary dosage form;

wherein said concentration-enhancing polymer is a neutralized acidic polymer and wherein said acidic polymer and said cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitor are formed into said solid amorphous dispersion, and said solid amorphous dispersion is

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then combined with at least one of a base and a buffer to form said neutralized acidic polymer.

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